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22 jailed for seeking to topple Kuwaiti regime

Eleven acquitted, eight will be deported

KUWAIT, June 24, (KUNA): The State Security Court today sentenced 22 people to prison terms ranging between five to 15 years for plotting to overthrow the regime.

The court, under the chairmanship of Justice Mohamed Abdul Hai Al Bannai, also acquitted 11 suspects, including a British national. Sami

Hajji.

The State Security Court began hearing the case on May 13. A total of 33 people, including Kuwaitis, a British national and other stateless persons were on trial and faced charges of conspiring to overthrow the country's regime by illegal means.

Thirteen of the accused were

tried in absentia and three others were released pending passage of sentence. Only 17 accused were arraigned before court today.

Of those who stood trial, eight received prison terms of 15 years, a similar number was sentenced to seven years and six to five years in jail. The remainder 11 were acquitted by the court.

The convicts included first accused Sami Jabr Abbas Al

Badi, codenamed Abu Hassan, and the fifth accused Hisham Abdul Razzak, alias Mohammed Ali Mahdi, who were sentenced to 15 years in jail. The second defendant Abdalla Eissa Ahmed Fairouz was sentenced to 15 years, a fine of KD 120 and dismissal from job.

Another five received 15-year jail terms.

Eight of the convicts were

ordered to be deported by court after serving their prison terms.

Eight other accused were convicted by court on two counts and sentenced each to a seven-year-term and another six were sentenced to five years imprisonment.

The court also ordered confiscation of all materials seized from the accused.

Arafat offers Afghan spark

ISLAMABAD, June 24, (Agencies): Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasir Arafat offered today to mediate a political solution to the civil war in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Arafat has adopted the role of "a man of peace in the area," said Ahmed Abdul Karim Elhith, the state of Palestine's consul-general in Pakistan.

Arafat met with Afghan rebel leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, and afterward, Hekmatyar said his provisional rebel government would vote on whether to accept Arafat's offer.

The US-supported Afghan rebels, who call themselves mujahideen have been fighting against Kabul's Soviet-backed Marxist government for the past decade.

Arafat later told Pakistan's National Assembly, "I have discussed with all the parties to this conflict our own initiative."

Hedidn't elaborate, but a PLO spokesman said Arafat supports a neutral government in Afghanistan, independent of both the ruling communists or the Muslim insurgents.

In the past Hekmatyar and the rebel government's prime minister Rasul Sayaf had rejected the neutral government proposal.

But a PLO representative in Pakistan, Ahmad Abdul Razzaq Al Salman, told the Associated Press: "It is very important that they change their views."

Four months ago, the PLO mediated the exchange of two Soviet prisoners for 50 rebel fighters held in Kabul, setting a precedent as a negotiator, Elhith said. The Kremlin claims 311 Soviet soldiers are missing inside Afghanistan after its nine-year military intervention, which ended last February.

Rebel factions based in Pakistan and Iran said the Afghan civil war will continue until the Kabul government falls. Afghan President Najibullah has said his forces can hold up against rebel attacks.

Rebel leaders, ranging from Islamic fundamentalists to moderates, have refused to negotiate with Najibullah and his Marxist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

In a statement issued today by the rebel-controlled Afghan News Agency, Hekmatyar said: "I told him (Arafat) that the Soviets should cease insisting on keeping the Kabul regime (in power) and stop sending weapons."

"I also told him that the mujahideen do not accept the idea of sharing power with Najibullah," Hekmatyar said.

But Elhith said the rebels "should talk to Najibullah."

Why not talk to your enemies? If you have courage to fight, you should have courage to talk," he added.

He said Arafat met earlier in Tunisia with representatives of Hekmatyar and moderate rebel leader Ahmed Gailani. The PLO chief also met representatives of Kabul's ruling communists.

Namibia model

Arafat said the framework for the freedom of Namibia was acceptable to the PLO for the independence of Palestine.

Addressing the Pakistan National Assembly, he noted that the Namibian freedom model had also been approved and adopted by the US.

Arafat's address, lasting about half an hour, was interrupted by repeated applause by the members of Pakistan parliament's lower house who thumped their desks as a mark of approbation to his views.



Jumping protester

A South Korean student activist jumps from the roof of a three-storey court building in Kwangju yesterday demanding the resignation of President Roh Tae-Woo. Later the student was admitted to a hospital. (See story on Page 2). (Reuter wirephoto)

NEWSWATCH

Hungarian leadership

BUDAPEST, June 24, (Reuters): Hungary's ruling Communist Party elected a new four-man leadership today headed by veteran reformer Rezo Nyers as President, Hungarian radio reported.

The election, at a closed session of the party's central committee, effectively removed Karoly Grosz as Hungarian leader.

Ammunition factory fire

ISLAMABAD, June 24, (AP): Nine persons were killed and four injured when a fire broke out in an ammunition factory at Havelian, 40 miles (64 kilometers) north of here today, an official statement said.

The fire broke out in the government-owned ordnance factory, one of more than a dozen units.

Gas pipeline explodes

LAHORE, June 24, (AP): Officials today were trying to determine the cause of a gas pipeline explosion that killed 12 people in the eastern city of Lahore, newspapers reported.

Many of the dead were believed to be children asleep at the time of the pipeline rupture yesterday, Pakistan's official news agency reported.

Hundreds of people were injured and several houses razed, the Associated Press of Pakistan said. ***

Cash will be returned

TOKYO, June 24, (AP): Police said today they will return to its owner some of the roughly 230 million yen (\$1.64 million) recently found buried in an apparent tax dodge.

The money, which authorities say belonged to businessman Kazuyasu Noguchi, was found in April buried beneath a bamboo grove in Kawasaki city.

Women's photos must

ABU DHABI, June 24, (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Interior Ministry said today Saudi Arabia had asked it to ensure women travellers to the kingdom have their photographs in their passports.

It said Saudi Arabia would not let women in if in accordance with a Muslim tradition their passports did not have their photographs. Most UAE women wear veils covering their faces.

Sikhs flushed out

AMRITSAR, India, June 24, (UPI): About 100 police today raided a Sikh extremist hideout in northern Punjab state and fought a six-hour gun battle in which a senior officer and five militants were killed, police said.

Helping intifida

KUWAIT, June 24, (Reuters): Palestinians originally from the West Bank town of Nablus but now living in Kuwait are to spend less on weddings and donate the savings towards supporting the anti Israeli uprising, a charity spokesman said today.

Syrian plane in Cairo

CAIRO, June 24, (Reuters): A Syrian airliner landed at the Egyptian capital of Cairo today for the first time in a decade, illustrating increasingly friendly relations between the two longstanding foes.

Civil aviation chairman Ali Zeiko greeted the 306 Egyptian and Syrian passengers aboard the Boeing 747 of Syrian Arab Airlines.

Iran meet omits Saudis

ABU DHABI, June 24, (Reuters): Iran has invited political, religious, and commercial personalities from Gulf states to a conference in Tehran next month to drive for better relations with its Arab neighbours.

However, Saudi Arabia, at odds with Iran over quotas of pilgrims for the annual Muslim hajj, has been excluded from the list of those invited.

"We invited political, religious, social and commercial figures from Gulf countries, except Saudi Arabia, to a Gulf conference next month to discuss relations," the spokesman said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati had told Dubai-based Al Bayan newspaper earlier this week that Iran wanted better ties with Arab states, but would not re-open relations with Saudi Arabia until the dispute over the hajj was resolved.

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Enter the 'Dragon'

BEIJING, June 24, (Agencies): China's Communist Party today fired moderate General Secretary — Zhao Ziyang for "splitting the party," and replaced him with the man credited with suppressing popular dissent in Shanghai.

The new general secretary of the 47-million-member Communist Party is Jiang Zemin, 62, a university-educated technocrat who has served as both mayor and party secretary of China's largest city.

Zhao had opposed the decision to declare martial law in Beijing on May 20 and ordered troops into the city for a bloody attack on unarmed residents and students on June 3-4. He has not been seen in public since May 19, when he made a dramatic, tearful visit to students holding a hunger strike for democracy in Tiananmen Square.

The party, in a meeting of 276 regular and alternative members of the central committee, relieved Zhao of all his party posts, but apparently allowed him to remain a member.

But it also said the party will continue to adhere to policies of reform and opening to the outside world, and praised Zhao for the leadership he took in these areas. In a communique issued today, the party pledged

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DAY BY DAY

We are curious about the contractor whose influence with the Directorate General for Civil Aviation has enabled him to monopolize the porter service at the airport at the expense of ninety families whose main source of income is the tips they receive from passengers.

The plight of porters at the airport was recently depicted in local newspapers. Contrary to expectations, it resulted in the quick termination of the services of all porters working at the airport — rendering a total of 90 families resourceless. The reason, seems clear, is journalistic criticism of such arbitrary measures against the breadwinners of ninety families who have served at the airport since it was located in the Abdullab Al Salem area, thirty years ago.

We place this matter before the Minister of State for Service Affairs, hoping he will redress the porters' misery. We hope that this issue will be considered in the light of the old Arabic saying: "It is better to chop off a head than strip a man of his source of sustenance."

Zahed Matar

Iraq mourns Baathist Aflaq

BAGHDAD, June 24, (Reuters): Iraq said the body of pioneer Arab nationalist leader Michel Aflaq, founder of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party, would be flown to Baghdad following his death in a Paris hospital.

Aflaq, 79, died last night in the hospital's intensive care unit after complications from surgery on June 10. Iraq's Baath (renaissance) Party leadership said in a statement issued in Baghdad.

It said Aflaq would be buried on Monday after official mourning in Iraq, where radio stations

today broadcast verses from the Holy Quran and religious songs after the announcement of his death.

Aflaq founded the Baath Party in Damascus in 1942, based on the principles of Arab nationalism, secularism and socialism.

But he never lived to see his dream of Arab unity fulfilled.

Rival and bitterly hostile wings of the party now rule in Syria and Iraq.

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INTERNATIONAL

Sri Lankan leader repeats demand that Indian troops go home

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, June 24. (Agencies): President Ranasinghe Premadasa yesterday repeated his demands that India withdraw its 45,000 peacekeeping soldiers, saying he will not permit them to operate anywhere in the country after July.

"I do not expect (Indian Prime Minister) Rajiv Gandhi to dictate terms to us and attract international condemna-

tion of a big country bullying a small neighbour," said Premadasa in a speech delivered during a ceremony to mark his 65th birthday.

The ceremony was held at Mahiyangana town, 130 kilometres (85 miles) northeast of Colombo.

The first Indian troops arrived in Sri Lanka's northeast a day after Rajiv and Premadasa's predecessor, Junius R.

Jayewardene, signed an accord on July 29, 1987, to end a 6-year-old Tamil insurgency for an independent nation.

Since Premadasa first made his request on June 1 for a troop withdrawal, Rajiv and Indian officials have often said that the July 26 deadline is impossible to meet.

Rajiv has cited logistic problems and said the troops could not leave until the

terms of the 1987 accord were met, primarily providing local autonomy to the minority Tamils of Sri Lanka.

In his speech, which was broadcast nationwide on television, Premadasa asked India "not to split hairs about the terms of the accord because more than 95 per cent of the island wants the Indian troops out."

"If India has logistic problems then I

request them to confine their troops to the barracks by the end of July. I will not permit them to operate them in the north and the east after that," he said.

Meanwhile, the boycott of Indian goods, ships and business establishments in Sri Lanka launched by southern radicals 10 days ago has remained a low-key exercise.

Sri Lanka right now appears to be

more pre-occupied with the bus strike, and a threat to snowball the current work stoppage into an island-wide general strike, they say.

More importantly the nation has been forced to focus its main attention on the Indian Peace Keeping Force.

The IPKF issue has a closer relevance to the average Sri Lankan than the call to boycott anything that is Indian.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Racket smashed

ROME, June 24. (Reuters): Italian police said today they had smashed an international drugs and arms racket run by the mafia and arrested 42 people around the country.

They said a clearing house in Rome passed cocaine, heroin and arms worth tens of billions of lire (tens of millions of dollars) between Canada, Spain and Sicily each year.

Kidnap plan foiled

BRUSSELS, June 24. (Reuters): Police foiled an attempt to kidnap Justice Minister Melchior Wathelet and arrested several people, Belgian newspapers reported today.

They said the plotters planned to exchange Wathelet for 34-year-old Basri Bajrami, a Yugoslav suspected of helping kidnap former Prime Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants.

The Public Prosecutor's Office said it could not confirm the reports.

Rock star's call

PRAGUE, June 24. (UPI): Czechoslovakia's leading rock star, Michael Kocáb apparently caught in a song contest off guard by calling for more civil rights in his country in a live TV broadcast last night.

Political scandal

PARIS, June 24. (UPI): Investigators probing a burgeoning political scandal indicted four people on Thursday including a senior official of President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist Party on charges of corruption and fraud.

Police raid

BOGOTA, June 24. (AP): Police this week destroyed 10 drug laboratories that were turning out 22,000 pounds (10,000 kg) of cocaine weekly, the national police reported.

The raids were the latest in the most sustained anti-drug campaign ever undertaken by Colombian police.

Burma's name

UNITED NATIONS, June 24. (Reuter): What used to be the Union of Burma is now the Union of Myanmar, by government decree, and the UN protocol office has directed that the change take immediate effect in UN bodies, a spokeswoman said yesterday.

The new name was earlier reported erroneously to be Myanma, without the final R.

Rushdie protest

LONDON, June 24. (KUNA): British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd has agreed to a nine-day ban on anti-Salman Rushdie marches in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, northern England, but Muslims there are determined to continue their protest today.

The town is near Bradford, where young Muslims originally from the Indian sub-continent rioted last weekend after a big demonstration fuelled by the Rushdie row.

Asylum denied

MIAMI, June 24. (UPI): The asylum request of anti-Castro militant Orlando Bosch was denied yesterday by the US Justice Department based on his record of international terrorist acts and classified FBI reports.

Bosch, 62, returned to the United States on Feb 16, 1988, after spending 11 years in a Venezuelan prison in connection with the 1976 bombing of a Cuban jetliner that killed 73 people.

Iran-Contra files

WASHINGTON, June 24. (AP): White House aides gave broad assurances Congress was receiving relevant documents in the Iran-Contra affair, even though the White House had little involvement in reviewing the material, says a Senate Intelligence Committee report.

The report issued yesterday says lawyer John Nichols didn't learn until August 1987 that White House counsel hadn't been involved in reviewing for relevancy the National Security Council files of former aide Oliver North.

Mozambique plan

MAPUTO, June 24. (Reuters): The Mozambican government has put forward a tentative plan to end the war against right-wing rebels that has gripped the country since independence from Portugal in 1975.

Bomber cost

WASHINGTON, June 24. (AP): Congressional leaders say newly declassified Defense Department figures on the cost of the B-2 Stealth bomber bolster their argument against spending for the costly programme.

According to the Defense Department, the radar-evading plane will cost about \$24 billion over a three-year peak spending period.

Bus crash kills 31

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 24. (AP): At least 31 people died and 50 others were seriously injured today when a rural highway caved in and two packed buses tumbled down a 100-foot (30-metre) embankment, rescue officials said.

The accident happened at 2:30 am (0530 GMT) near the rural town of Estancia, some 1,157 miles (1,867 km) northeast of Rio de Janeiro in the northeastern coastal state of Sergipe.

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Early accord is expected

N-test talks to resume

GENEVA, June 24. (Agencies): Both the Soviet Union and the United States expressed confidence yesterday in an early accord on verification procedures to finally allow ratification of a 15-year-old agreement limiting the size of underground nuclear tests.

The two major powers resume nuclear testing talks on Monday with the fourth round since they first began in 1967.

They are separate from parallel negotiations — which resumed this week — on reducing strategic nuclear weapons although Washington links such cuts to any eventual limits on the number of underground nuclear test explosions.

American negotiator C. Paul Robinson said President Bush is maintaining the previous Reagan administration rejection of negotiations now on a complete ban on nuclear testing as the Soviets demand.

"A comprehensive test ban is a long-term objective of the United States," he said in remarks before the new round of nuclear testing talks.

"Such a ban must be viewed in the context of a time when the United States does not need to depend upon nuclear deterrence to ensure international security and stability," he said.

"Meanwhile, the United States continues to maintain its fundamental position that nuclear testing is indispensable to maintaining a credible nuclear deterrent" — meaning that nuclear arms must be checked and modernised.

US secrets sold

Jailed for 30 yrs

FULDA, West Germany, June 24. (AP): An American soldier was sentenced to 30 years in prison today for giving Army defense secrets to East Germany.

Michael Peri had pleaded guilty to espionage charges during his court-martial and could have received a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The five-member military tribunal said during sentencing that under a pre-trial agreement, Peri's term could be reduced to 25 years for good behaviour during the first three years of imprisonment.

Peri, 22, showed no emotion as the judge, Col Craig Jacobsen, read the sentence. The soldier's parents, Fred and Winnie Peri, bowed their heads.

The court-martial also stripped Peri of his rank, ordered that all pay and benefits be forfeited and gave him a dishonourable discharge.

In final arguments today, chief prosecutor Maj. Michael Graham said Peri "just flat sold out our country."

"He kissed off his friends, he kissed off his family, he kissed off his unit and then he kissed off his country," Graham said.

Peri's civilian defence lawyer, Michael Christensen, countered: "He had courage to come back to face a life sentence and is probably as courageous as any soldier I battle."

In testimony yesterday, Peri broke down in tears and pleaded for forgiveness. He said he received no money from the East Germans.

When his court-martial opened on Wednesday, Peri, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., pleaded guilty on charges he gave crucial information on US electronic defence capabilities to East Germany.

Woman wanted baby

Life sentence for murder

DOVER, Delaware, June 24. (AP): A 36-year-old woman has been sentenced to life in prison without parole for killing a couple and stealing their nine-day-old son.

Joyce Lynch dropped her head and cried yesterday when the jury's sentencing verdict was read.

Mrs Lynch, who could have been sentenced to death, was convicted of killing Joseph and Beverly Gibson, snatching their infant son, Matthew, and trying to pass him off as her own.

The Kent County Superior Court jury deliberated less than an hour before reaching the sentencing decision.

Mrs Lynch and her husband, Richard, 27, named the infant Richard Lynch III and showed him off to friends and family like proud, new parents, according to the prosecution.

Lynch also is charged in the 1987 slayings and is scheduled for trial in September. The Lynches have accused each other in the crimes.

Bata apologises over design

Slippers will be destroyed

DHAKA, June 24. (Agencies): Angry Muslims clashed with police in the capital and a northern town during protests over the sale of slippers stamped with a logo resembling the Arabic characters for Allah, police said yesterday.

At least 30 people were injured in the clashes yesterday in Dhaka and Mymensingh, 120 kilometres (70 miles) to the north, said police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The officials said demonstrators attacked shops owned by the Canada-based Bata shoe company because they considered the logo on the slippers blasphemous.

Police prevented their breaking into the shops and at least 30 people were injured in scuffles, they said.

The government yesterday announced it had banned the sale of the slippers and seized unsold stocks. Islam is the state religion of Bangladesh and 90

per cent of its 110 million people are Muslims.

Executives of the Bata shoe company apologized to the prime minister of Bangladesh yesterday and pledged to destroy the slippers following the protests.

"The bell design was created by one of our Bangladeshi Muslim designers, who used as her inspiration a Chinese hanging bell," an official company apology to the Bangladeshi prime minister read.

"Our company is staffed almost entirely by devout Muslims ... No one detected any religious significance in the bell motif at the time of its development or later when it was put on sale."

"We extend our sincere apologies to the government and people of Bangladesh for any offence caused by the display and sale of this product."

Bata said it was withdrawing all slippers bearing the motif, and will publish apologies.

Martial law violated

Burmese protest

BANGKOK, June 24. (AP): Hundreds of supporters of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi violated martial law and gathered in Burma's capital a day after the government strongly criticized her, sources said.

A Burmese witness reached in Rangoon said hundreds clogged an entire street block near the central market yesterday after hearing rumours that Aung San Suu Kyi would make an address there.

However, she was campaigning outside the capital at the time and the people dispersed after security forces arrived, the source said on condition he not be identified.

A Western diplomat gave a different account, based on reports he received. He said thousands of people waited for Aung San Suu Kyi near the Rangoon General Hospital, and some chanted slogans. Security personnel arrived, and the crowd dispersed after a monsoon downpour, he said.

The diplomat, reached in Rangoon, also requested anonymity.

It was one of the biggest protests by opposition supporters since military commander Gen. Saw Maung seized power last September and his troops crushed dissent by killing hundreds of people.

Filipino clashes leave 23 dead

Insurgents fight on

OZAMIS, Philippines, June 24. (AP): Clashes with insurgents have killed 23 people this week, including seven soldiers and four Muslim separatists in a guerilla war in the southern Philippines, the military reported.

Ten soldiers, a policeman and a Communist rebel also were killed by suspected Communist insurgents in four separate incidents across the country, the military said.

Brig. Gen. Jose Cesar Capa, Army Regional Commander, said the gunbattle happened Wednesday in the village of Sultan Gumander in Lanao Del Sur province, about 80 kilometres (50 miles) southeast of this city and 910 kilometres (570 miles) southeast of Manila.

Capa said that among the dead soldiers was 2nd Lt. Benedicto Cuaman, who was killed in the first volley of gunfire, by the guerrillas of the separatist Moro National Liberation Front.

The clash lasted for several hours, wounding nine other government soldiers. There was no word on injuries among

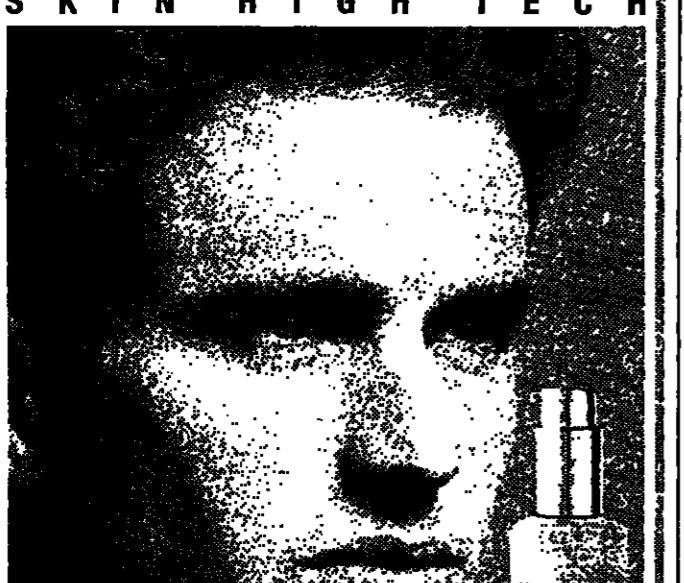
How to make millions in US

WASHINGTON, July 24. (AP): The US ambassador to Switzerland says there was nothing wrong with a group of former federal housing officials using connections to get millions of government dollars for apartment projects they were developing.

"It is unethical for anybody who has been in government to use the expertise they picked up," Ambassador Philip Wina, a former housing official, asked following his testimony Thursday before a congressional panel. "I don't see anything unethical."

Wina testified at the congressional subcommittee's investigation of allegations of influence-peddling in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, an agency that oversees housing assistance to low-income citizens.

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Burning protest

A group of Bharatiya Janata Party workers burn a TV set outside the Indian television station in New Delhi yesterday to dramatize their claim that the ruling Congress (I) Party of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is misusing the airwaves to boost its election chances. (Reuter wirephoto)

Enter the 'Dragon'

'Queen of Singers' dies at 52

TOKYO, June 24, (AP): Hibari Misora, the renowned singer who symbolized Japan's postwar perseverance and recovery for millions of people, died of heart failure this morning. She was 52.

Misora's death topped the morning news and television broadcasts were filled with pictures of weeping fans and hundreds of reporters crowding around her house. Within hours of her death, producers and critics dressed in black were solemnly discussing her career on talk shows.

She was "the Queen of Singers till the end of her life... nothing else but her death could be so shocking to many Japanese hearts," commented the Mainichi Shimbun newspaper.

Masao Yamaguchi, a professor at Tokyo Foreign Language University, told Kyodo News Service that Misora was a source of strength for many Japanese hopeless and depressed after Japan's disastrous defeat in World War II.

Misora lost popularity in recent years as Japan became a world power, marking "a farewell to the recovery of the postwar period," he said.

A Yokohama fisherman's daughter, she was famous for cheerful songs after her debut at age 11 in 1948 and later for her soulful renditions of melancholy ballads such as "Kanashii Sake" (Sad Rice Wine) and

"Ringo Oiwake" (Song of Apples).

Misora released 1,200 songs and sold some

68 million records, including 45 million sin-

gles and 10 million albums, totalling 100

billion yen (\$715 million). She received

numerous musical awards including the

Japan Record Award in 1965.

She was also known for her appearances in

many Japanese musical movies and plays.

Misora was born in 1937 as Kazue Kato.

Her stage name means "Skylark."

Her career started at age 11 and ended some

40 years later with a 10-hour live radio show

by Nippon Broadcasting Co. on March 21,

shortly before she was hospitalized at Jun-

tendo.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

SANTA CLARITA, California: A prominent Los Angeles lawyer whose clients included James Jagger and Rock Hudson's homosexual lover Marc Christian was identified yesterday as one of the people who died in the crash of a plane that developed engine trouble.

Harold Rhodes, 66, who was piloting the single-engine plane, died along with his wife Sheila, 45, and mother-in-law, Cell Raseck, 61, in the crash on Thursday afternoon, said coroner's spokesman Robert Dan Becker.

Rhodes' daughter, Lorraine, 13, who was critically injured, was being treated at Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital in Valencia. (UPI)

NEWARK, New Jersey: Rock 'n' roll from the Soviet Union will play in Bruce Springsteen's backyard this weekend when a top Estonian band comes to Point Pleasant beach on the New Jersey shore.

Members of Rock Hotel, which will perform on Sunday at Jenkins' North Pavilion, say their first US tour represents something special.

"It's not just like any other performance," said 46-year-old lead singer Ivo Linn through an interpreter. "It's totally, totally different. This is a new public."

Linn said he had only just realized that the Stone Pony, where Springsteen still plays, is mere 10 miles (16 kilometers) away from Point Pleasant.

He said the band's style was less Springsteen and more of a sound like the Stray Cats, Huey Lewis and the News and Los Lobos. The group also drew initially from Chuck Berry, Bill Haley and other early pioneers of rock 'n' roll in this country, he said.

Members of Rock Hotel have rejoined three private clubs he left while running for vice-president last year. "Mind" criticism that they had no or few members from ethnic minority groups, the office of the Texas Democrat said yesterday.

"Senator Bentzen has accepted invitations to rejoin the clubs," his Press Secretary, Jack Devore, said.

"It is a personal decision just as his decision to resign was personal," Devore said. "At the time he said he felt it was appropriate (to resign). Some longtime friends persuaded him it would be appropriate to resign."

Devore made the statement in response to a story in the Houston Post newspaper that Bentzen had rejoined the clubs. The spokesman would not comment on reports that Bentzen resigned from the clubs when he was the Democratic vice-presidential candidate last year because they have few or no minority members. (UPI)

NEW YORK: Nine of 12 black-and-white nude photographs by John Lennon of himself and Yoko Ono were stolen from Sotheby's on Friday, the day before they were due to be sold at auction, officials said on Friday.

The pictures of Lennon and Ono were discovered missing from their exhibition space on the first floor of the famed auction gallery Friday afternoon, said Diana Levitt, a spokeswoman for Sotheby's.

The theft took place about 2:30 pm, she said.

"The estimated value is approximately \$1,000 in total," she said. "This was from an exhibition, which is going to be offered for sale," she said. (UPI)

For more than an hour, members of the House of Representatives took to the floor of the chamber to denounce the court's ruling in emotional terms, often referring to the heroism of Americans who fought and died in wars.

Citing the Iwo Jima memorial that depicts marines raising the American flag during one of the bloodiest battles of World War II, Representative Ron Marlenee, Republican-Montana, referring to the judges, said, "These six brave soldiers were symbolically shot in the back by five men in black robes."

"The treasonous nature of the decision on the bench should be remembered every time we say the pledge of allegiance, every time we sing the national anthem, every time we pass a national cemetery," Marlenee added. "Six brave men raised the flag. Five Supreme Court Justices tore it down."

Bush, speaking to business leaders in New York, said he understood the legal basis for the court's ruling and would support the law, but added: "I have to give you my personal, emotional response."

US President George Bush has his arms full as he carries his dog, Millie, to a waiting helicopter Friday as he left for Camp David, Md., where he is spending the weekend. Bush will meet with Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke on Sunday at the presidential retreat. (Reuter wirephoto).

Puppy love

Newton-John said yesterday.

That was back in 1983 when she and Farrar opened their first store — which specialised in Australian imports — in Los Angeles. Six years and 30 stores later, the two say they have proven themselves.

Koala Blue sold \$14 million in merchandise last year and is expected to sell an estimated \$35 million by 1991, when the women hope to have at least 100 boutiques around the world.

The boutiques already have expanded to



Still rockin'

Pete Townshend, guitarist for the rock group The Who, jumps high in the air to show he can still rock and roll like he used to. The Who kicked off their 25th anniversary tour on Friday in Toronto, Canada. (Reuter wirephoto)

MOBILE, Alabama: A judge sentenced a former Ku Klux Klansman to life in prison on Friday for the 1981 beating and hanging to death of a black teenager.

Judge Michael Zogby imposed the maximum sentence on Benjamin Franklin Cox at the conclusion of a one-hour hearing.

Cox, 28, a truck driver from Mobile, was convicted of murder May 18 for his part in the killing of Michael Donald. Another Klan member was convicted of murder and sentenced to death. A third pleaded guilty to federal civil rights charges and became a prosecution witness, while a fourth awaits trial.

Donald, 19, was chosen at random from a city street and slain in a KKK-revenge plot on March 21, 1981, according to testimony. (UPI)

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Colon cancer is second only to lung cancer as the cause of the most cancer deaths in the United States, with the American Cancer Society now estimating there will be 107,000 new colon cancer cases this year and 53,500 deaths.

Among incidents the book recounts are a conversation between Milongo and "three elderly demons" and his exorcism of a woman said to be possessed by five spirits, one Portuguese, one Canadian, two African and one in the form of a serpent.

Oddi, a member of several Vatican bodies, said he believed in the existence of the devil but that such presumed manifestations were the product of hysteria or illness. He said Milongo, who has built a strong following in Italy, had fallen for popular superstitions. (Reuter)

ROCKWELL, Maryland: A dog named Master Teddy who inherited his owner's \$102,000 house and fought off her relatives in a legal wrangle is battling them in court again — this time to save his hide.

When Celeste Crawford died in 1984, her will said Teddy could live in her home for the rest of his life.

Her relatives went to court because they didn't want to wait for the dog's death, but three years ago a judge ruled they cannot inherit and split up proceeds from the house's sale until Teddy dies.

Fearing another white spitz could be substituted for Teddy, the six heirs want a judge to order a veterinarian to tattoo Teddy's hind leg.

They said the tattoo would positively identify the dog's body and serve as a safeguard against possible dognapping.

"Obviously, they think somebody is going to cheat them," Master Teddy's attorney Karl Reissner, said on Thursday. "If the judge gives any consideration at all to tattooing the dog, then I think they (the heirs) should be tattooed too so we know who's who." (AP)

Canada, and the women plan to open their first stores in Australia, Europe and Japan this year.

Newton-John said she got the idea while on tour in the United States.

"I was homesick for Australia," she said.

"And I said to Pat, wouldn't it be great to have an Aussie hangout room?" complete with

Australian milkshakes, newspapers, candy, the works.

Farrar suggested adding a fashion line to the store and Koala Blue — or Korner of Australia, Los Angeles — was born.

Cancer drug gets OK by FDA

WASHINGTON, June 24, (UPI): Tests have shown a new drug for advanced colon cancer is effective enough that the government will make it generally available before the study results are published, the Washington Post reported yesterday.

The decision fuels a debate among medical researchers about how much evidence is needed before extending a treatment to all who might benefit, the newspaper noted, because usually a drug is not offered publicly until study results are published in medical literature, where they can be examined independently for possible testing flaws that would invalidate the findings.

The drug in question, levamisole, does not cure cancer but appears to extend lives, the Post said. Researchers and government officials refuse to disclose how much survival time is gained, leaving that to be published with the study results in a medical journal.

But the Food and Drug Administration has approved a proposal by the National Cancer Institute under which the drug will be available for post-surgical, or adjuvant, treatment of cancer that has penetrated the colon wall or has spread to the lymph nodes, the newspaper said.

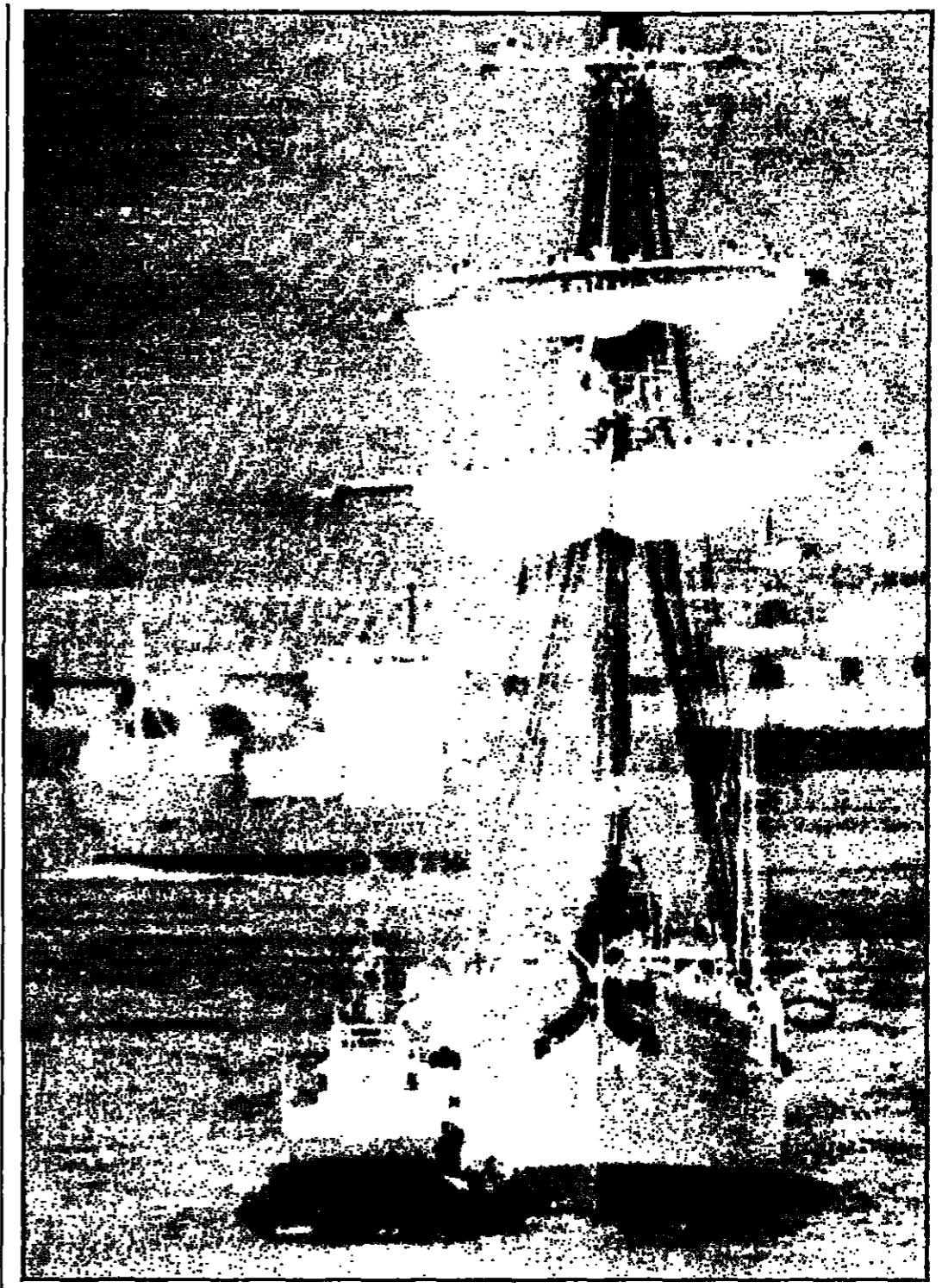
No specific date was reported for the general release of levamisole by its manufacturer, Janssen Pharmaceutica Inc. The Post said tests have been under way for five years under the direction of Charles Moertel of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Moertel consented to the FDA decision to put levamisole in a category known as group C, which makes promising cancer drugs more widely available, despite indicating to The Post that he believes in the traditional method of handling such matters.

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New arrival

The Spanish training sailing ship Juan Sebastian de Elcano, with 280 men on board, anchored Friday morning in Hamburg harbour, West Germany (Reuter wirephoto).

Partial success in fusion reported

Still no final verdict

Los Alamos, New Mexico, June 24, (UPI): Scientists reported partial success in duplicating a University of Utah experiment purporting to produce nuclear fusion at room temperature, Los Alamos National Laboratory said yesterday.

"With all the experimental uncertainties we know, one very clearly and that is the checks and balances of science will now enter the picture," Schwartz said.

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Pons and Fleischmann claimed the deuterium was then attracted to an electrode made of palladium, where it was absorbed on such tremendous concentrations the atoms fused inside the metal electrode, releasing excess heat energy.

Schwartz said Los Alamos is not willing to confirm or reject the experiment's results because "as an institution, our credibility demands that this (review) process begin."

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The man-like creature was walking upright on two feet, said Sam, who shined a spotlight on the creature from 40 yards (36 m) away. It ran toward him, then fled.

"It was big, dark and hairy looking," he said in a telephone interview. "It's got silver eyes and it moves pretty fast."

"It's a lot bigger than a football player. It's got quite a reach," he said. "It seems like it just glides. I thought an antelope is fast, but this guy is pretty fast."

"The animal does not appear dangerous," Sam said, adding, "It seems like it's curious."

Nonetheless, Sam said he has lit fires outside his cousin's home several nights since the sighting to ward away the beast.

"It seems to be scared of fire. It doesn't come down when the fire is burning," he said.

"Sam's cousin, Neasha Comanche, said she found clearly-defined footprints of a baby Bigfoot that walked through a mud puddle outside her home."

The footprints, about the size of a woman's size 7 shoe, is "almost human, but they're not because of the fur on their feet."

Girl's novel shocks Sicily

Teen tells tale of sex and sexism

ROME, June 24, (AP): In small towns in Sicily, where just looking at a man can get a woman labeled "loose," Lara Cardella is getting called all kinds of names for telling how it is to grow up female and Sicilian.

The 19-year-old native of Licata, a Sicilian city of 45,000, is also selling a lot of books.

Her novel "Volevo i Pantaloni" (I Wanted Pants) has been the nation's best-selling paperback since early spring. She wrote it at night, longhand in a notebook, in her parents' house and submitted it to a national contest for young, unpublished writers.

She says she didn't expect to win, let alone be published. She did both. Arnoldo Mondadori, the Italian publishing giant, has already sold the film rights for the book, which at 121 large-type pages, is more a novella than a novel.

She also didn't expect insulting telephone calls and scornful looks from fellow townsmen who felt ridiculed by the book.

When she came out of her house one day with a French television crew, paramilitary police had to protect her from a cursing crowd outside, she recalls.

"Some of my friends stayed by me. Some of them left me," she said in a telephone interview from her home in Licata after she returned from a stay at country house without a phone to escape the furor for a while.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Prison sentence

LIMA, June 24, (UPI): A court sentenced the captain of a Japanese fishing boat to two years in prison for his role in the 1988 collision that sank a Peruvian submarine, killing eight sailors, judicial officials said yesterday.

In addition to the sentence handed to Captain Tsukasa Okada, the pilot and watchman were sentenced to one year in prison. But the court allowed the three to spend the sentence in their homes, reporting occasionally to authorities.

The court also ordered the payment of \$3,670 each to the families of the eight dead sailors, as well as to a survivor who was crippled.

The accident occurred Aug. 26, 1988, 10 miles (16 km) off the Peruvian port of Callao when the Japanese boat "Kyowa Maru", fishing without authorisation in Peruvian territorial waters, struck the submarine "Faccioza".

Belfast bartender

BELFAST, June 24, (AP): Assassins shot and killed a Roman Catholic bartender early today after smashing down the front door of his house with sledgehammers, police said.

At least three men took part in the attack in Lisburn, 8 miles (13 km) southwest of Belfast, said Police Sgt. Margaret Breakey. They tracked down 36-year-old Liam McKee in an upstairs bedroom and one of them fatally wounded him with a shotgun blast in the chest, she said.

McKee's mother and brother, who also were in the house, escaped unharmed, Breakey said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility. Police said the killing bore the hallmarks of a sectarian attack by militant protestants.

Bush says no

WASHINGTON, June 24, (UPI): Families of three civil rights activists murdered 25 years ago led an anniversary rally at the Capitol yesterday but failed to get President Bush's support for legislation continuing new Supreme Court decisions they say have "badly eroded" racial gains.

"I'm very disappointed," Rita Schwerner-Bender told reporters after meeting with the President at the White House before the rally. Her husband, Michael Schwerner, was shot with Andrew Goodman and James Chaney in Philadelphia, Mississippi, as they organised a black voter registration drive across the South.

Their deaths became the basis for the recent movie "Mississippi Burning".

Schwerner-Bender and five other relatives of the trio met with Bush to urge personal support for legislation dealing with the Supreme Court decisions this year that were seen widely as a rollback for civil rights and affirmative action. The President told them he could not make such a commitment, however.

International law

AMSTERDAM, June 24, (Reuter): The group of 102 non-aligned nations plans to discuss how to promote the rule of law in international relations at its meeting next week, a spokesman said yesterday.

"Very few countries submit themselves to the international court and even when they do, they don't heed its verdicts," the spokesman, who declined to be named, said.

The non-aligned movement is expected to call on the United Nations to declare a decade of action to boost the use of law in settling international disputes.

More security

FRANKFURT, June 24, (AP): Police are conducting spot checks of cars and vans approaching the Frankfurt airport terminal as part of increased security measures triggered by a recent threat of a terrorist attack, an official said yesterday.

Earlier this month, West German officials stepped up police protection at continental Europe's biggest airport, after receiving a tip that Palestinian terrorists were planning to attack an airline flying out of Frankfurt.

Mayors protest

LOMBA, Italy, June 24, (AP): The mayors of 42 small towns in the heart of Calabria on Wednesday announced they were quitting to protest kidnappings by an organised crime ring and to show solidarity with the mother of one of the kidnap victims.

The mayors come from towns near Locri, where last week a northern Italian woman pitched her tent in the town square to draw attention to what she says is the national government's inability to rescue kidnap victims of the 'Ndrangheta, Calabria's version of the Sicilian Mafia.

38 killed

BEIJING, June 24, (AP): At least 38 people were killed when a dam burst in central China and sent tons of water cascading down a mountainous slope, the China Daily newspaper said Saturday.

The official daily said five others were injured in the disaster on Maonao mountain in Yang Quan, Shanxi province last Tuesday.

AIDS cases

ATLANTA, June 24, (AP): The proportion of AIDS cases that most likely resulted from heterosexual contact has remained steady in the United States at about four in 100, federal researchers reported Thursday.

The national Centers for Disease Control reported that heterosexual transmission of AIDS accounts for 4,305, or 4.4 per cent, of the total of 97,193 AIDS cases in the United States.

The CDC has divided 97 per cent of the country's AIDS cases into seven transmission categories. Homosexual or bisexual males, who accounted for almost all cases in the epidemic's first few years now account for about 60 per cent, while transmission through drug needle sharing has been on the rise.



Shot nun flown to Texas

HOUSTON, June 24, (UPI): An American nun critically wounded by a gunman in El Salvador was flown to Texas yesterday for treatment, and doctors said a bullet fragment was lodged in the 72-year-old woman's brain and another near the spinal column.

A life flight plane carrying Sister Mary Stanislaus Mackey arrived in Houston from San Salvador at 5:45 pm. She was rushed (picture) to St. Joseph's Hospital, where she served as a surgical nurse from 1939-1941, and was listed in critical condition in the intensive care unit Friday night.

Mackey, who worked with orphans in El Salvador, is an American citizen and member of the Houston-based Sisters of Charity Order. She underwent two operations in El Salvador and a third was scheduled for today in Houston.

(Reuter wirephoto)



Shot in the leg

BANGKOK, June 24, (AP): Khmer Rouge guerrillas shot and wounded an American peace activist who was being driven along the Thai-Cambodian border, his associates reported today.

Peter Pond, a 57-year-old Protestant minister, was flagged down by the two guerrillas and shot once in the leg after speaking with them, said an associate.

Pond (above) was taken to the Thai border town of Aranyaprathet and on to Bangkok, where he was recovering from minor injuries at a hospital, the associate said. (Reuter wirephoto)

US officers lash out at Noriega

Called 'dime-store dictator'

FORT CLAYTON, Panama, June 24, (Reuter): Two top US military officers in Panama blasted General Manuel Antonio Noriega as a "dime-store dictator" and his government as "illegitimate" in unprecedented public criticisms.

But the Panamanian government called the criticisms "laughable" and said the statements were a new tactic in a US "psychological war" against Panama.

The Southern Command has accused PDF personnel in dozens of what are termed "harassment" incidents, ranging from reported armed intruders penetrating US installations to illegal arrests and even beatings of US servicemen.

The PDF denies the charges and accuses the US forces of "aggression against Panama."

Incoming Army Commander Cisneros, who worked as Southern Command director of operations since 1987, had even harsher words for Noriega.

In his speech, Cisneros did not mention Noriega by name, but said: "Any time any dime-store dictator regime, or its press, criticises General Woerner or myself, I take heart that we do indeed stand for freedom's cause."

Rebels attack troops across El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, June 24, (Reuter): El Salvador's leftist rebels clashed with Army troops across the country yesterday in the heaviest fighting since the June 1 inauguration of a right-wing government, armed forces and rebel sources said.

Radio Venceremos, the clandestine voice of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front rebels, said guerrilla forces attacked government positions at 13 sites in the provinces, killing or wounding 38 soldiers.

The radio said only one guerrilla was killed in the fighting.

The armed forces press office reported 61 killed or wounded on both sides in fighting.

The fiercest fighting took place in the northern province of Chalatenango as rebels attacked Miramundo Hill, where troops guard a microwave communications antenna.

The fighting in Chalatenango

left 16 guerrillas dead and another 13 wounded, according to the armed forces. It reported eight troops were killed and three wounded in the fighting.

FMLN leaders have vowed "uninterrupted offensives" against what they said is the intention of President Alfredo Christiani's government to end the nine-year civil war on the battlefield rather than through negotiations.

Cristiani says he is willing to discuss the rebels' incorporation into the country's political process but that his government will crack down on the rebels if they continue with the war that has left and estimated 70,000 dead.

The armed forces also reported yesterday rebels attacked the outskirts of Apopa, a densely populated town north of San Salvador. It said six rebels and two government soldiers were killed in the fighting.

Floods in 14 states in US, 1 dead

NEW YORK, June 24, (AP): Heavy rains sent torrents gushing through roads, homes and businesses in 14 states yesterday extending a spate of flooding that killed a Pennsylvania woman in her basement and swept away an Oklahoma motorist.

Thousands were without power in Delaware, houses were under water and people stranded in cars in Maryland and

evacuations were reported in Kentucky. The flooding also led to bridge inspections in New York and road closings in Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

Delaware's power outage, which left about 30,000 customers in the dark for several hours yesterday, also caused severe flooding and started at least 15 fires. No injuries were reported.

"We had flash flooding in places we never had it before," said Charles Brice, the county civil defence director in Oklahoma City. "We have never experienced this much rain all at once and the ground being saturated didn't help matters."

Divers and lake patrol rangers searched a swollen central Oklahoma creek for a driver missing after up to 7 inches (17.7

centimetres) of rain fell in a few hours Thursday night. High waters forced at least 20 families to leave their homes temporarily and stranded many motorists.

The national Weather Service said June's rainfall total of 14.47 inches (36.75 centimetres) already has broken the record for the most rainfall in any month in Oklahoma City.

Papa in hospital, too ill for politics

ATHENS, June 24, (AP): Hospitalised caretaker Premier Andreas Papandreou entrusted with an exploratory mandate to form a new government, remained under intensive care today apparently too ill to conduct political consultations.

The Socialist leader was given a mandate yesterday by President Christos Sartzakis after the conservative New Democracy Party failed to win the support of a leftist coalition.

The 70-year-old Papandreou was admitted to the cardiac section of the General State Hospital Thursday night for treatment of a "respiratory infection," eight months after he underwent open heart surgery in London.

A report on Papandreou's health issued by the hospital said "The medical treatment continues and the course of the illness is considered satisfactory." It gave no indication when Papandreou would be released.

Papandreou's Panhellenic Socialist Movement or PASOK, came in a distant second in national elections last Sunday to Constantine Mitsotakis' New Democracy Party after failing to win a third consecutive term. But no party received the necessary absolute majority in the 300-member parliament to form a government as PASOK got 125 seats and New Democracy 145.

Party officials said no official political contacts were scheduled over the weekend, giving rise to rumours that Papandreou was "too ill" to conduct face-to-face contacts with the coalition of the left and "progress to find a way out of the political crisis."

Meanwhile, over 40-members of PASOK's central committee called for an extraordinary meeting of the 141-member body, to analyse the post-election results.

However, political analysts said top PASOK officials were against such a meeting at this time because Papandreou's leadership could be questioned. "This would undoubtedly undermine Papandreou's position as he attempts to head an alliance of progressive and democratic forces."

The leftist coalition, an alliance of the Greek Communist Party and the Eurocommunist, rejected Mitsotakis' proposal to form a temporary coalition government to bring Socialist officials accused of wrongdoing to trial before calling new elections.

In a power broker's position after receiving 28 parliamentary places, leftist coalition leaders said they would also turn down Papandreou's overtures.

Leondas Kyrikos, a coalition leader, said a widely representative national unity administration was more acceptable.

If Papandreou fails in his attempt to Tuesday to form a government, leftist coalition officials said they would take a "brief" shot at unravelling the dead end before returning the mandate to the president.

The constitution calls for mandates to be given to all three leading parties. If they fail to receive parliament's approval, an attempt is made by the president to form a national unity government composed of nonpolitical personalities who are acceptable to all the political parties.

If no solution is found by July 3 when the newly elected parliament is scheduled to convene, then it is dissolved and a caretaker regime takes over to lead the country to general elections.

Mitsotakis in his attempt to get leftist support, said that if this parliament doesn't convene, former officials in Papandreou's defeated Socialist party would escape prosecution.

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Elsewhere on the political front, the Tass news agency released a resolution adopted by the Soviet parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies, that calls for major improvements in the economy.



An oil slick forms around the Greek registered Tanker World Prodigy after it hit submerged rocks off the coast of Rhode Island. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ship leaks 5-mile oil slick

Bush sends team to another US spill

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, June 24, (Agencies): Crews worked today to contain one million gallons of heating oil that spilled from a Greek tanker as the slick spread over a five-mile (eight-kilometre) area off the northeast US coast.

The World Prodigy, bound for Providence and carrying 7.6 million gallons of heating oil, hit a rock at Brenton Reef in Rhode Island Sound at 4:40 pm (2040 GMT) Friday.

The spill occurred one mile (1.6 kilometres) south of Newport and by early Thursday it was five miles (eight kilometres) long. No harm to wildlife was immediately reported, but most of the state's beaches south of Providence were ordered closed.

The Department of Environmental Management said they would remain off-limits until the oil had been cleaned up.

Friday's accident came three months after nearly 11 million gallons of heavy crude oil gushed into Alaskan waters from the tanker Exxon Valdez, causing the nation's worst oil spill.

US President George Bush's administration, criticised for its response to the Alaskan spill, reacted swiftly to the Rhode Island accident. Bush dispatched Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan and William Reilly, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, to the scene.

"It's a big spill and in a very important place," Reilly said at a news conference about 2 am (0600 GMT) after federal officials met with Gov Edward DiPrete. "Narragansett Bay is one of the crown jewels of the country's ocean resources."

Narragansett Bay is a recreational boating and lobster fishing waterway that cuts

deep into the state of Rhode Island.

Lieutenant John Gately, a Coast Guard spokesman in Boston, said none of the oil was known to have touched the shoreline or oil spill.

Coast Guard and Rhode Island state officials, however, said that there was a potential threat to shellfish, a significant fishing industry in the state. The oil is toxic to shellfish.

The Coast Guard activated its Atlantic Strike Force, a specially trained pollution control group with headquarters at Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

The Number 2 oil, used for both heating homes and as diesel fuel, had leaked from four tanks of the World Prodigy until seawater entered, floating the oil above the level of the hole.

Truce in Angola, 'exile' for Savimbi

KINSHASA, June 24, (Agencies): A ceasefire went into effect today in Angola, ending 14 years of civil war that killed tens of thousands of people and entangled the superpowers as well as Cuba and South Africa.

However, the Marxist government and the US-backed rebels must still carry out difficult talks to make the pact a permanent peace.

Rebel leader Jonas Savimbi and Moscow-trained President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos of Angola signed the truce and sealed it with a handshake late Thursday at an African summit in Zaire.

Savimbi, son of a part-time Protestant preacher, told the Zairean news agency he was prepared to work "without preconditions" with Dos Santos government.

President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire, a Savimbi ally credited with a prominent role in the reconciliation, will mediate future negotiations. Mobutu is to meet US President George Bush in Washington on Thursday to discuss peace in Southern Africa, said White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater.

The main issue appears to be the future role of UNITA members in Angola.

South African president-in-waiting F.W. de Klerk welcomed the ceasefire.

The Angolan government may send Savimbi to the United States for two years as a special envoy

Palestinians abducted American to publicise plight

AMALLAH, Israeli-occupied West Bank, June 24, (Agencies): An American relief worker freed after being held for 30 hours by Arab kidnappers condemned his abduction and said he would continue his work with Palestinians.

"They took me because I'm an American," Christopher George, director of Save the Children in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, told reporters yesterday when he returned to his Ramallah home. "They took me to publicise and to draw attention to their cause. They feel they have no voice."

But Army radio today said Israeli security forces planned to investigate whether George conspired with his kidnappers in order to force the release of imprisoned Palestinians. Neither George nor Israeli and US officials could be reached for comment immediately on the report.

George was abducted Thursday outside the Gaza City offices of the US-based Save the

Children welfare organisation in the first known kidnapping of a foreigner in the territories during the 18-month-old Palestinian uprising. George, 37, said three men armed with pistols, including a Gaza Strip Palestinian he knew, pushed him into a car and drove off.

He identified the Palestinians he knew as Mohammed Abu Al Nasr. Arab reporters said Al Nasr lived in the Jabalya refugee camp and was involved in building a playground that was funded by Save the Children.

An Israeli Army statement blamed the kidnapping on Palestinians "linked to the PLO," and troops set up roadblocks in major Gaza Strip towns to try to find him.

But Palestinians in the territories and the PLO vigorously condemned the abduction, saying it was a criminal act and not the way of the Palestinian national movement.

George said he was released on the condition that he forward a letter addressed to

President Bush. Palestinians sources reported the letter to Bush said in part, "we are not terrorists. We are just looking for our rights."

In the 13-page letter, the captors said they abducted George to draw world attention to the plight of the Palestinian people.

"The whole story came about because we wanted to send an open letter to the international public in general and the American public in particular," the letter said.

"I appeal to you in my name and the name of my comrades and all my comrades in jail and all Palestinians to do your best to deal seriously and effectively with the Palestinian cause," the letter said.

Israeli security services today started an investigation into what officials termed the "strange" kidnapping of George.

The Army hunted for George's three kidnappers in the occupied Gaza Strip.

Senior security officials said that during questioning, George refused to say where he was held.



George talks to reporters as his wife looks on. (Reuter wirephoto)

US unhappy over Iran-Soviet ties

WASHINGTON, June 24, (AP): The State Department has registered its concern yesterday over Soviet overtures to Iran.

"We are watching closely the evolution of the Soviet relationship," said Margaret Tutwiler, the State Department spokeswoman. "The Soviet government is well aware of our views."

She said yesterday that as the Soviets seek to play a more responsible international role "we will find it difficult to understand efforts to move close to a regime that continues to support international terrorism and hostage-taking."

The Soviets are in the process of moving swiftly to repair rela-

tions with Iran after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini while President George Bush's administration is taking a cautious approach.

Both the Soviets and the United States were targets of the cleric's wrath.

Bush has set at least two

preconditions for a resumption of relations severed by the US in 1980 five months after militants seized the US embassy in Tehran.

Iranian ministers gave details today of the wide-ranging economic co-operation pacts signed in Moscow this week and due to last to the end of the century.



A new look

A new look five Afghan mujahideen, in their new uniform, relax outside their exile government headquarters in Peshawar, Pakistan, while their leaders met a Soviet team seeking the release of Russian prisoners. (Reuter wirephoto)

Renewed offer of Afghan talks

Positive signs

MOSCOW, June 24, (UPI): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and his Afghan counterpart, Abdul Wakil, said yesterday their two governments are willing to meet with other parties "in any place and at any time" to try to end fighting in Afghanistan.

In addition, a majority of parliamentary deputies has been "incensed by a confidential proposal" to enable Ali Khamenei, Iran's new leader, to dissolve Parliament in exceptional circumstances.

The Times quoted reports from "sources close to the government" in Iran as indicating that the speaker was without doubt the "stronger partner of the Rafsanjani-Khamenei team."

However, the ruling camp was beginning to "panic" that Ahmad might win in July 28 if he declared himself a candidate.

The sources said the election would be conducted by the hardline Minister of the Interior, Ali Akbar Mohassemi, who has on occasions criticised Rafsanjani's supposed belief in improving relations with the West, it added.

A Tehran daily said today that Iran should be governed with an advisory board composed of Khamenei, Rafsanjani and Ahmad, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The government-run Tehran Times said Ahmad should chair the advisory board because he was closer to this father, and familiar with his thinking.

Ahmad had no formal political role but served as his father's chief assistant.

"With the experience/aides in different areas, the leadership can most definitely speed up the realisation of the divine goals of the Islamic revolution," the paper said.

Tit-for-tat measure by govt.

Sudan invites Nasser's son

KHARTOUM, June 24, (AP): The eldest son of Egypt's late president Gamal Abdel Nasser, who is wanted in his country for terrorist attacks on Israeli and American diplomats, has accepted an invitation to visit Sudan, a newspaper reported today.

Daily Al Siasa quoted "reliable informed sources" as saying that Khaled, who lives in exile in Yugoslavia, would be given a "warm, popular and official reception" in Khartoum.

There was no immediate comment from the government on the report, and the newspaper did not specify who issued the invitation or when Khaled would arrive. But if it is true, it will mark a further deterioration in Egyptian-Sudanese relations.

Since Egypt gave former president Gaafar Nimeiri political asylum in April 1985 after he was overthrown, relations between the two neighbours have been strained. Last Sunday, Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi's government said it had aborted a coup by supporters of Nimeiri to return him to power. It accused Egypt of aiding the former president.

In Cairo, Nimeiri denied any involvement, and said El Mahdi was trying to divert the attention of

his people from their economic problems by inventing the coup.

Nimeiri also denied that the Egyptian government was aiding him, and said he would soon travel to London and from there set up a new base in an African country neighbouring Sudan from which he would work to return to power. He said his move was to avoid deterioration in Egyptian-Sudanese relations.

Al Siasa's report seemed to indicate a tit-for-tat retaliation by the Sudanese government by inviting the younger Abdel Nasser to Sudan while he is being tried in absentia in Cairo and faces a death penalty if convicted.

Twenty alleged members of a group calling itself Egypt's Revolution are presently being tried in Egypt. Khaled is the only one still at large.

Khaled and 10 co-defendants are being charged with murder, undermining Egypt's security and damaging its relations with Israel and the United States. The prosecution is demanding they be condemned to death.

The remaining nine defendants are charged with complicity of various kinds and could be sentenced on conviction of prison terms of up to 25 years.

6 killed in attack on Hezbollah village

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 24, (UPI): The military said today six commandos were killed during an Israeli-initiated attack on their stronghold north of Israel's self-declared "security zone" a day earlier.

In this connection, it was stressed that Afghanistan and the Soviet Union are prepared, as before, to open constructive dialogue, in any place and at any time, to facilitate an end to bloodletting on Afghan soil and help achieve a compromise between the warring sides.

A Moscow-based Pakistani diplomat said the open-ended nature of the two ministers' statement was promising.

• Eighty-two mujahideen rebels, a soldier and two civilians have been killed in fighting over the past day in three provinces in eastern Afghanistan, a Kabul government spokesman said today.

He told reporters most of the rebels were killed by troops in and around the eastern city of Jalalabad.

An Israeli Army spokesman said that after a debriefing on the assault this morning military officials learned that six commandos had been killed and one Israeli soldier slightly wounded during the assault. Initially, Israeli officials believed four Hezbollah fighters had been killed.

The (Israeli) force confronted and opened fire in close range," the spokesman said. "The soldiers of the force assaulted them by throwing grenades and fired short-range small arms" during the attack.

Moreover, Fitzwater reiterated that the United States views Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposal for elections in the occupied territories as "a very helpful proposal that we want to pursue with all the parties in the region."

The senators asked for a meeting with the president after Baker said last month that Israel should renounce "the unrealistic vision of a greater Israel," meaning the Jewish state should forsake annexation of the West Bank

Fierce artillery duel in Lebanon

Pope blames foreign hand

BEIRUT, June 24, (Agencies): Syrian and Christian gunners today fought their fiercest artillery duels in a month around Beirut and the surrounding mountains. Police said three people were wounded.

A police spokesman said the shelling declined after daybreak into intermittent mortar exchanges across the capital's dividing Green Line.

He said two men and a woman were wounded before dawn in Christian East Beirut, hammered all night by Syrian gunners deployed in the city's western Muslim sector.

The overall casualty toll from the 14-week confrontation between Christian Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun's units and the Syrians stood at 373 people killed and 1,460 wounded.

The coastline north of Beirut took the brunt of the Syrian barrage aimed at maintaining a blockade of the 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) Christian enclave.

Obituary

Arab unity is still a dream

NICOSIA, June 24, (Reuters): Michael Aflaq, the pioneer Arab nationalist who founded the party that rules both Iraq and Syria, died a bitter man, his dream of Arab unity even more distant than it appeared when he started preaching it in Damascus schools 50 years ago.

Aflaq was born in Damascus into a Christian family in a city where Christians have often played a prominent role in Arab nationalist politics. He founded the Baath (renaissance) Party there in 1942.

He died in his late seventies in a Paris hospital last night and was mourned in Iraq where he was still nominally the head of the country's ruling party.

Syria, ruled by a rival faction of the party that had long disowned him, has so far kept silent about the death.

Aflaq is believed to have been born in 1910 when Syria was under Ottoman rule but no exact date has been published. One biographer gave it as 1912.

Aflaq studied in Damascus and attended the University in Paris, returning to the Syrian capital as a school master in 1934.

He preached militant Arab nationalism, secularism and socialism, radical ideas meant to arouse the Arabs after several centuries of slumber under Turkish rule and to unite against the then French and British rulers.

"One Arab nation with an eternal message," was the slogan he launched, seeing nationalism and unity as the Arabs' only answer to problems of foreign domination, underdevelopment and religious strife.

His brand of secular, radical politics put him immediately at odds with the conservative nationalists of the day fighting French rule imposed on Syria by the visitors of World War One.

His party soon established a strong following among officers in the Syrian Army and was involved in many of the military coups that destabilised the country in the 1950s.

Army officers eventually took control of the Syrian party and exiled Aflaq.

Aflaq has been out of the mainstream of Arab politics for some 20 years. Friends and enemies alike saw him as a man of ideas who did not have the stomach for the cut and thrust of the often bloody and treacherous Arab politics.

He spent most of his last years in Baghdad in virtual isolation, rarely appearing in public, although he held the title of Pan-Arab secretary-general of the party, taking precedence over Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Friends say he had as little in common with the ruler of Iraq as with his Syrian arch-enemy President Hafez Al Assad, although both rule in the name of the party he founded in 1942.

The Iraqi party announced in its obituary notice that he had converted to Islam many years ago but there was no independent confirmation of his conversion.

In the face of criticism by militant Muslims of his brand of secularism, Aflaq had long described Islam as the most sublime form of Arabism.

But people who had known Aflaq for many years and saw him as a secular politician said the Iraqi announcement of his conversion was a complete surprise.

Aflaq was a compelling speaker and his ideas struck a chord with many across the Arab world throughout the 1950s and 1960s, when the Arab Baath Socialist Party established branches in virtually every state from North Africa to the.

But Aflaq's fortunes were already in decline by the time the Baath captured power in both Syria and Iraq in the 1960s.

He was a main architect of Syria's disastrous union with Egypt, formed in 1958 as the first example of Arab unity in modern times. It disclosed in mutual recrimination three years later.

Aflaq disbanded the party shortly after the union was proclaimed, on the orders of then Egyptian President Nasser who became the head of the United Arab Republic.

When Aflaq re-established it in 1962, Baathist Army officers, who had maintained their military organisation despite his dissolution order, were quick to capture the Syrian party apparatus and dislodge Aflaq and his civilian colleagues.

A police spokesman said Aoun's gunners fired back at Syrian artillery emplacements along West Beirut's seaside boulevard.

The spokesman, who cannot be named in line with police rules, said about 520 shells and rockets exploded in Beirut's two sectors and the Christian coastline in a 12-hour-period that ended at 2 pm (1100 GMT).

It was a sharp escalation of the daily shelling that has marked the Syrian-Christian confrontation since an Arab summit conference called a ceasefire May 26.

The fierce clashes followed Aoun's call yesterday for international pressures on Syria to lift the siege of Christian Beirut's seaside enclave.

It was imposed on March 14, eight days after Aoun ordered a blockade of illegal ports run by Syrian-backed militias south of Beirut in order to salvage about \$100 million lost annually in customs duties.

Syria, which considers Lebanon within its sphere of influence, keeps 40,000 troops stationed across 70 per cent of the country under a 1976 Arab League peacekeeping mandate.

Pope John Paul, in an emotional appeal for peace in Lebanon, today, blamed foreign interference for exacerbating the country's 14-year-old civil war.

The Pope's remarks were clearly aimed at Syria whose 40,000 troops in Lebanon, with help from Lebanese Muslim militia, had held the country's Christian enclave under siege for 10 days.

"To an already difficult general situation have been added, or imposed, interference and military intervention from outside Lebanon," the Pope told Lebanese bishops visiting the Vatican.

He spoke after artillery duels erupted across the Lebanese capital at dawn today, forcing people in Muslim West and Christian East Beirut to huddle in shelters.

"I repeat once again here the duty of countries in the region and of the international community as a whole to work actively towards ending this process of destruction and to loyalty help willing Lebanese to resume dialogue..."

■ Three Arab heads of state charged with solving the Lebanese crisis will meet soon to review recent peace efforts, Algerian Foreign Minister Boualem Bencheikh said.

He said no date had been fixed but the meeting would review recent international and regional contacts carried out by the foreign ministers of Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia.

An Arab summit last month gave the leaders of the three countries six months to try to consolidate a month-old ceasefire in Lebanon and convene its parliament to elect a new president and adopt broad lines of political reform.

"Buying and stockpiling weapons and the build-up of the Army indicate another path, not the path of peace."

The President said the reconstruction of the southern port of Basra and the start of the rebuilding of Faw, both within easy reach of Iranian weapons, proved Iraq's wish for peace.

Iraq spent some \$3.2 million on a four-month reconstruction of Basra. More than 20,000 workers took part.

Saddam warned Iran that buying weapons through either the black market or official channels would create an atmosphere of anticipation and anxiety in the region.

Bush reiterates US support for Israel

WASHINGTON, June 24, (AP): President George Bush reassured senators yesterday of the United States' "unwavering and unquestioned support" of Israel after questions were raised by a speech given by Secretary of State James Baker.

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Motorists urged to wear seat belts to enhance road safety

A SURVEY done by the Ministry of Public Health has found that motorists do not use safety belts and has called for a law making it mandatory for all drivers to wear safety belts.

It said 18 out of 100 drivers don't use safety belts and its usage is definitely not widespread among motorists. The study said the usage of safety belts in Kuwait is much lower than that of countries which do not compel its drivers to wear them. It said about 30 per cent of the motorists used safety belts in some countries.

It has called on the government to issue a law making it

mandatory for all motorists to wear safety belts.

Strict implementation of the law would enhance safety if most drivers wear safety belts, it said. The survey found that 80 to 90 per cent of the drivers would wear seat belts, if it is imposed on them.

Residents must learn that safety belts are necessary while driving or riding a car, the study

said. To show the importance of this vital tool and the necessity of implementing a law the study pointed out that statistics on traffic accidents in Kuwait reveal

that car collisions form 36 per cent of total traffic accidents and that lead to 50.8 per cent fatal injuries.

Head-on collisions represent 12.4 per cent of total car accidents and are considered to be the most dangerous, due to the fact that both car drivers are involved and will be injured. On the other hand, accidents involving one automobile form 13.2 per cent of total accidents and are caused by a collision with a fixed object, losing control of the car, or over-turning due to high speeds. Automobile over-turning represent 55.4 per cent of one car accidents.

Injuries, classified as dangerous or fatal represent 29.1 per cent of one car collisions; this rate increases dramatically in turn-over accidents. The study points out that these injuries would have declined noticeably if motorists used safety belts.

The use of safety belts became more important after half a century, but early applications of safety belts were first known in aircrafts in 1910.

Safety belt usage in automobiles has been criticised and rejected by the public since the 1920's and 1930's. Their sales

remained stagnant and they were only used in racing cars. One of the factors which helped the development of safety belts usage was continuous research connected to the ability of a human to face collision cases, particularly in aviation research first conducted in West Germany.

The General Motors Company, in the United States of America exerted efforts to market safety belts. It provided one of the experimental cars with safety belts in early 50's, but these efforts resulted in total failure.

It is true that safety belts

became a real part in every automobile, but it was only a feature not a necessity for most drivers. The real keenness of the public towards using safety belts started in late 50's when they began to realise that the number of car accident victims was on the rise. Informative media along with safety societies began to put more emphasis on these numbers. At that time resistance towards putting a safety belt on became weaker. Wisconsin in America became the first state which called upon drivers to use safety belts in 1961. The law was implemented inside the state limits. The law was soon a fact at

all states and then came the European countries starting with Norway, Switzerland, and West Germany.

The law was not enough by itself, experiments and statistics in West Germany and other advanced countries stressed on the fact that a strong punishment should be designated to force drivers and riders to put on their safety belts.

For example, in Switzerland, statistics pointed out that the usage rate of safety belts has increased dramatically after implementing a law which called for fining drivers who don't use safety belts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri audience

KUWAIT, June 24. (KUNA): HH the Amir today received in audience HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

Banquet

BRAZILIA, June 24. (KUNA): Kuwait's Ambassador to Brazil Rashed Al Gais yesterday held a dinner banquet in honour of the head of the external relations committee at the Brazilian parliament Bernardo Capral.

Al Gais praised the co-operation between the two countries.

Airline meet

DOHA, June 24. (KUNA): The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Gulf Air company started today here.

Qatari Transport and Communications Minister Abdullah Al Suweidi, addressing the inaugural session, hoped that the meeting would yield positive results.

The participants are scheduled to discuss a number of issues including floating company shares, administrative rules and final accounts.

Islamic stamps

KUWAIT'S Ministry of Communications has announced the issue of a new set of commemorative postage stamps to mark the Islamic pilgrimage.

The Post Office Department said the stamps will be dated Thulhijja 9, 1409 (second week of July) and will be issued in 50, 150 and 200 fils denominations. A total of 150,000 stamps will be issued.

Bilateral talks

KUWAIT, June 24. (KUNA): The President of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdul Aziz Hamad Al Saeer today conferred at his office with Finland's Ambassador to Kuwait Esko S. Kunnamo on ways of boosting bilateral trade and commercial relations.

Al Saeer also met with Czech Ambassador Tomas Strakos. They reviewed bilateral economic co-operation and methods of promoting them.

Hindi exams

THE Hindi Pravesh examinations of the Central Hindi Directorate, New Delhi will be conducted in the embassy of India premises in the last week of June. Candidates registered for the above examination should contact the Indian embassy immediately for further details.

Supremacy at varsity

Girls outnumber boys

THE dean of registration and admission at Kuwait University Dr Mustafa Maafri said that 80 per cent of students who applied for admission in the university for the academic year 1989/1990 were girls and only 20 per cent were boys.

About half of students who succeeded in the Secondary School Certificate were boys. The grades obtained by boys are low compared to girls who have more chances to gain seats at the university, Maafri said.

He added that a large number of boys who passed the SSC are not qualified to submit their

applications to the university because they did not get the minimum percentage of grades to qualify. He added that boys also have opportunities other than the university like police academy, military academy and oil sector. He said a large number of outstanding girl students was due to traditions that oblige them to stay at home for long periods while boys are free to roam outside. This forced girls to study and revise their lessons while boys are engaged in other activities.

Maafri said the increase in the number of girls in the univer-

Summer festival
THE Kuwait Marine Club will organise the Grand Summer Festival from July 22 to 29, which will be devoted to implementing programmes especially developed for children.

The chairman of the club's Cultural and Social Committee Mohammad Saleem told a local newspaper that the festival was part of the club's programmes for the summer which were intended to utilise the summer time for children in useful and rewarding activities, whereby heavy emphasis would be laid on the development of personal talents.

Cash rewards
KUWAIT'S Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah issued two resolutions granting financial rewards to 33 CID men and Coast Guards. The first resolution granted rewards to five officers and nine policemen while the other included rewards to five officers and 14 policemen. They were rewarded for their extraordinary services in protecting the public interest.

Historical sites restored

RESTORATION work on one of Bahrain's most popular and important historical sites is progressing smoothly and on schedule according to an official of the Directorate of Tourism and Archaeology.

Bahrain Fort of Qalout Al Bahrain, a fortress built during the Dilmun Civilisation era, was initially earmarked for restoration in the seventies. The work finally started in January 1987 on the outer part. The project which is in the halfway stage is scheduled to be completed in 1992. Internal restoration work is expected to start at the beginning of 1991 and completed by 1992. Work on the outer part is expected to finish by the end of next year. The total cost of the whole restoration is estimated to be BD860,000.

According to Khurion Al Ansari, superintendent of the Tourism Directorate, two experts from England recently paid a visit to Bahrain and were said to be very impressed of the quality and speed of the work underhand. The progress of the 5-year project took the experts by surprise as they claimed this sort of work usually lasts between fifteen to twenty years.

A total of 86 labourers, one foreman, three carpenters and 24 masons are carrying out the restoration project under the supervision of Miss Ansari.

Miss Ansari said so far work on the Portuguese tower and the north western tower has been completed. She added that as far as possible material as true to the original is being used to preserve the original architecture of the fort.



Soviets at KOFC

A Soviet delegation, headed by the deputy minister for foreign economic affairs, yesterday toured Kuwait's Oil Company's exhibition in Al Ahmadi area.

The delegation, arrived here on Thursday on an official eight-day visit. They expressed admiration over the progress that Kuwait has been

witnessing, particularly in the field of oil industry.

Lazy students blamed for poor results

THERE has been a noticeable decline in the success rate among students both in the science and arts sections, according to recently announced results of the General Secondary examination by the Ministry of Education.

Better results were expected due to efforts and continuous follow-up of students by the ministry during this academic year, director of the Private Education Department at the Ministry of Education, Abdullah Al Mahanna said.

The official said that he believes the decline in the passing rate of students this year is due to a lack of efforts by students. Another reason was the strict vigilance to prevent cheating at exams. Relying on cheating at exams weakened the abilities of students and destroyed self-confidence and resulted in making them depend on other methods to pass a specific subject, Mahanna added.

The better performance of students from private schools was attributed to devotion, planning, particular attention paid by teachers to their students and the supportive and guiding role of parents.

Mahanna said that private education is a continuation of government education and that students in both sectors obtain the same share of attention.

Follow-up, researches and studies conducted by the Ministry of Education to evaluate results.

The Private Education Department plays the same role in "conducting studies and analysis on examination results."

The official said that the out-

standing feature towards achieving good grades is the fruit of efforts exerted by students. Girl students at the Arts section have dominated results because of their adherence to application to studies. The issue requires more expanded and comprehensive studies on the predominance of girl students in the Art section and boys in the Science section.

Mahanna rejected the use of the lucky draw method practised at some private schools as a method to attract students. He explained that the department does not approve of this scheme as it is not relative to the principles of the educational operation.

Competition among private schools should be conducted on the basis of what these schools offer in order to serve the educational operation only, the official said.

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Regarding the process of General Secondary examination questions, Dr Mansoor Ghloob, the general supervisor of the Sciences section said that examinations may have many objectives among which is to evaluate the level of students, and providing teachers with experience in evaluating their teaching methodologies.

In general, he said, questions this year did not meet students' expectations. He pointed out that the mathematics papers of this year were easy and did not reflect the level of students. He added that examinations in general should include different levels for weak students, intermediate students and good students and talented students.

Sports leaders asked to change attitude

Arabs seek to improve performance

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

ARAB sportsmen in Asia are seeking to improve their results by using modern technology in training but have met with resistance from sports administrators some of whom feel intimidated by computers.

Sports decision makers are now being told to drop their reluctance to the use of computers in a week-long seminar that opened yesterday in Kuwait.

"We have to improve our performance and that means that sports leaders will have to change their attitude," said Abdul Mutaleeb Ahmad, the managing director of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) which organised the seminar.

Fifty participants from the Gulf Co-operation Council countries are attending the meeting to learn about the role of computers in sport.

The need for greater use of modern technology in sports became evident after the 1988 Olympic games in which only 35 of 160 participating countries won medals. The medal-winning countries owe some of their success to the use of computers in training, said Ahmad.

"We have to apply modern science if we want to bridge the gap that divides successful from the less successful sportsmen," he added.

The OCA held last month a training course in Thailand for more than 80 computer technicians from Asian countries.

Computers are used for keeping performance records of each competitor and provide an easy access to the results of sportsmen worldwide.

Ahmad said that in the future a computer network will be developed allowing a prompt exchange of information among sports organisations world-wide.

The seminar was opened by the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Sheikh Nasser Mohamed Al Ahmed and was also addressed by the president of OCA Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed.

Minister rejects call to 'get rid' of patients

INSISTENT calls to "get rid" of a number of patients being treated at Kuwaiti hospitals who are in a state of permanent coma have been refused by Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdulla, Minister of Public Health.

News reports said that a number of such patients who have almost no hope of survival and live in a state of total immobilisation in intensive care units. They live only with the aid of medical equipment.

One doctor at a local hospital described the condition of such patients as "scientifically dead." They have lost all their senses and cannot survive without the support of machines. Some of these patients cost KD450-500 by way of medical expenses on a daily basis, the doctor added. Medical treatment at public hospitals and clinics is free in Kuwait, for citizens and expatriates.

The specialist criticised the way these patients are kept alive. He stressed that such cases "would not have remained alive, but for the insistence of their relatives — whom he described as influential."

A number of doctors expressed caution regarding the right approach to deal with such cases. Describing the condition of these patients as "semi-dead," they said that they are at a loss on the issue of continuing to keep them alive solely by the aid of machines. They called upon top officials at the Ministry of Public Health to specify clearly the authority of the doctors treating such patients.

Razzak admitted the gravity of the situation and said that these cases are indeed a cause of concern to doctors. But he strongly denounced any attempt to allow these patients to die by pulling the plug off the medical equipments that keep them alive.

The minister said that it is legally and medically banned to let these patients die by not helping them with the equipments, even though their brains are "almost dead."

He wondered who would protect doctors who stop medical equipments intentionally from these patients. He said that only two medical commit-



Hala, a patient with her father.

to stop the use of medical equipments on such patients according to some restrictions and after ensuring that the patient is brain dead.

He added that neither the minister nor the top health officials can take such sensitive decision. Even the family of the patient can't decide and if they want to allow their patient die, they have to obtain a court order which is given only in very limited cases.

He said that such cases in Kuwait do not constitute a general phenomenon.

Most of them usually die quickly and cases that continue for long periods are very rare. The minister sharply criticised some international medical sides, that under the pretext of having "mercy" on such "dead patients" allow them to die by removing the medical equipments.

He said that such a position is totally rejected on all basis, humanitarian and otherwise.

Doctors have been keeping her heart and lungs working by artificial means.

The doctor treating her criticised the way this woman has been kept alive. The doctor said that this woman should have been among the dead since she received the brain damage four years ago.

He described her case as "clinically dead" and "artificially living." He said that her daily costs are between KD450-500. He added that she can continue in this way for several more years as long as she is under the intensive care equipments.

There are a number of such cases in Mubarak Al Kabir hospital. They are all in total coma.

Hala Al Asadi was admitted to the hospital three years ago.

Since then she has been in total coma.

She met with a traffic accident and her head collided with a rock. Doctors have tried to

said that most of these cases have suffered great damage to their brains. He said that these patients have lost control of all senses and they are totally unaware of anything around them.

He said that these cases have no treatment either in Kuwait or any country in the world. He said that no such case has ever been treated in any part of the world. He also denied that any of such patients show any progress.

On the legal opinion of Kuwait laws, advocate Ibrahim Al Attar said that the Kuwaiti law does not allow the "killing" of a patient if he/she is biologically alive. He said that it's the doctor who can decide whether the patient is dead or not. But the law punishes doctors who remove medical equipments from "difficult" cases although they are alive, to help them die.

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Senegal struggles with refugee influx

Aftermath of ethnic riots

By Jean-Loup Flevet

"THE police surrounded the village at dusk, took the cattle away and set huts ablaze before marking us at gunpoint to the Senegal River," Alassane Sow said.

"They tore up identification papers, snatched silver earrings from women and crammed us in rags into dug-out canoes," he recalled.

The 33-year-old cattle herder from the Mauritanian village of Hamdallaye, 15 km (10 miles) from the border with Senegal is one of thousands of black Mauritanians expelled from their country after ethnic riots in April in Mauritania and Senegal.

Hundreds died in the violence triggered by a border incident between Senegalese farmers and Mauritanian herders over grazing rights along the river which separates the two countries.

Both governments have since positioned troops along their 800 km (500 mile) border.

Senegalese officials and foreign relief agencies put the number of Mauritanian refugees at between 25,000 and 30,000 since mass deportations started in early May.

Expulsions

Recently most expulsions have been carried out during the night at remote crossing points to avoid publicity, they said.

Refugees and Senegalese officials accuse the Nouakchott government, which is dominated by Moors of Arab and Berber descent, of trying to get rid of its non-Arab speaking population.

Mauritanian has denied expelling people on a racial basis, saying only those who have fraudulently acquired Mauritanian citizenship were being deported.

"The recent influx has more than doubled the total population of refugees in West Africa," said Zolner Dennerdorff, regional representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Senegal's "refugee belt" stretches from the Atlantic town of Saint-Louis to Bakel, 600 km (375 miles) to the east near the border with Mali.

A Reuter correspondent touring the area last weekend saw hundreds of exhausted men, women and children sheltering under scrub and thorn trees after a long trek through the bush.

The fertile river banks, until a few weeks ago bustling with people and cattle, looked deserted, with villages empty and fields neglected.

Cash-trapped Senegal relies heavily on financial and logistical support from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Western non-governmental organisations to cope with the refugees.

The UNHCR, due to assume responsibility for the refugees from the ICRC on July 1, estimates emergency aid required until October at \$1 million.

Threat

"There is no immediate threat of epidemic but we are in urgent need of tents and shelters," said Maodo Diagne, a young Senegalese Red Cross worker in charge of the Ndiorou refugee camp. Plastic sheeting and canvas provided by Britain's Oxfam, and wire supplied by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America to build traditional-style huts are on their way.

The camp, some 15 km (10 miles) from the river, is the largest in the region with a population of 2,300 refugees. "We had to move 350 people into the village school after they were drenched by the first rain of the season," said Cheikh Ba Ndiorou's assistant district commissioner.

A second camp is being erected at the nearby village of Dodel to accommodate hundreds of refugees still scattered in the bush. "We'll have to act quickly since all the roads to the river will be cut off for three months by rains in the coming days," the official said.

The Senegalese authorities have located the camps away from the border to minimise the chances of further clashes. Many refugees readily admitted they were ready to use violence to regain their properties.

"Whatever our government says, we are Mauritanians and we will die Mauritanians," one refugee said.

It is an open secret that some sneak across the river at night to retrieve cattle despite a strong Army presence on the Mauritanian side. There is a growing militancy among refugees and local residents report increased sales of guns in the border area.

Orders

"We are under strict orders to avoid any incident which could lead to an open confrontation with the Mauritanian government," Ba said.

Diplomats said the refugees' future remained unclear and much would depend on the outcome of talks between Senegal and Mauritania. Two rounds have been held in Mali, which chairs the Organisation of African Unity, without healing the rift caused by the ethnic riots or resolving the issue of free movement of people and cattle along the river.

Senegal is considering moving the refugees further from the border to a sparsely-populated, semi-arid region known as the Diery, south of Ndiorou. "That will require drilling costly bore-holes and I doubt the refugees would agree to move so far away from their land and their cattle," said one diplomat who declined to be named.

The sudden influx of refugees is increasing strains on a region that already suffers heavy pressure on land and a chronic food deficit. A UN expert in Dakar noted that within a few weeks, Senegal had been confronted with an extra 100,000 people to feed and shelter, including 70,000 Senegalese who had been working in Mauritania and were repatriated after the riots.

"Senegal has certainly enough friends in the world to cope with the crisis in the short term but the future appears rather bleak," he cautioned. (Reuter - Senegal)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1501 — Pope Alexander VI confirms Franco-Spanish treaty of Granada for partition of Naples, and declares Luis XII as king of Naples.
- 1658 — Aurangzeb, Moghul emperor of Hindustan, imprisons his father, Shahjahan after winning battle of Samgarh.
- 1862 — United States recognises independence of Liberia.
- 1872 — Roman catholic Jesuit order is expelled from Germany.
- 1879 — Ismael Khedive of Egypt is deposed by the Sultan and succeeded by Tewfik.
- 1880 — Cape parliament rejects plan for South African federation.
- 1924 — Britain says she will not abandon the Sudan, despite Egyptian demands for complete withdrawal.
- 1942 — British air force stages 1,000-bomber raid on Bremen, Germany, in World War II.
- 1950 — Korean War begins with North Korea's invasion of republic of Korea.
- 1959 — Soviet Union proposes denuclearized zone in the Balkans and Adriatic.
- 1963 — President Moise Tshombe is forced to resign as Katanga's premier.
- 1966 — Vatican and Yugoslavia resume diplomatic relations in major move aimed at improving Roman Catholic relations with communist world.
- 1972 — Burundi government reportedly continues to execute Hutu tribe members, and about 25,000 Hutu refugees are reported fleeing to other countries.
- 1987 — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev calls for sweeping changes in Soviet economy before year's end.
- 1988 — Bomb destroys hotel in Northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar, killing at least 15 people.

Soviet weapons seek a Persian market...

By Mohammed Zargham

IRAN'S emerging post-Khomeini leadership has scored its first diplomatic coup by clinching a deal with Moscow for defence co-operation and major development projects.

But during the landmark visit of Majlis speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to the Soviet Union, Tehran was careful not to give the impression it meant a total break with the West.

"What Iran wants from other countries is for them to accept it and its revolution," an Iranian diplomat in the Middle East said. "The Soviet Union has completely accepted Iran from this viewpoint."

"We want a relationship based on mutual respect, not one in which one side looks on the others as a milk cow."

Both Tehran and Moscow said the visit — less than three weeks after the June 3 death of Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini — marked a turning-point in often strained relations between Iran's 10-year-old Islamic republic and its communist neighbour.

Essence

Documents signed by Rafsanjani and Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev covered a wide range of economic and scientific co-operation through the year 2000, including Moscow's help in boosting Iran's defence capabilities.

As recently as last year, Soviet flags were burned in Tehran demonstrations and Moscow's missions in Iran were mobbed as a sign of anger at the Kremlin's arming of Iraq during the eight-year Gulf war and its military involvement in Afghanistan.

But the Iran-Iraq ceasefire last August and the Soviet pullout from Afghanistan, as well as unrest in southern Soviet republics and Moscow's concern over the spread of Islamic fundamentalism there, set the scene for better relations.

In Moscow, Rafsanjani, expected to win presidential polls next month to become the dominant political figure in Iran, put forth his pragmatic interpretation of Khomeini's revolutionary slogan: "Neither East, nor West."

"We also want to have good, healthy relations with all other countries with the exception of two or three which in general take a bad position, or because the essence of these regimes is illegal," he said.

He blamed Washington for making better ties impossible by continuing a freeze on Iranian funds and other policies deemed hostile by Iran.

The Iranian diplomat said the new turn to Moscow was only in response to the Kremlin's new attitude to Tehran.

He noted Iran had also exchanged senior delegations with West European countries after the Gulf war ceasefire last August. The contacts were halted in the aftermath of Khomeini's February death order against British author Salman Rushdie.

But exiled former Iranian president Abolhassan Banisadr poured scorn on Rafsanjani's deals in Moscow.

"It is shameful...we have returned to the Shah's policy: give a concession here, a concession there, and try to get by," he said.

The pro-US Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, overthrown by the 1979 Islamic revolution, maintained substantial economic ties with Moscow, including the purchase of military equipment.

He said Rafsanjani's main aim was to obtain weapons to keep the armed forces, especially the Revolutionary Guards, satisfied.

In return, Banisadr charged, Iran was ready to accommodate the Kremlin's demands about Afghanistan and unrest among the Soviet Union's up to 40 million Muslims.

A joint communiqué issued in Tehran and Moscow on Friday said the two sides declared support for "An independent, non-aligned and Islamic Afghanistan with friendly relations with its neighbours."

It skirted the thorny issue of the Moscow-backed president Najibullah's ruling party, which may be supported by Iran insist should be excluded from any future government.

Rafsanjani, asked about unrest in Soviet Uzbekistan in a Moscow press conference, said the two countries had agreed not to interfere in each other's internal affairs.



Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian Majlis (parliament), with Anatoly Lukyanov, Soviet vice-President in Moscow.

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Baker said US policy toward Iran would be guided by developments in the country and not by Iran's relationship with the Soviet Union.

"We do not know exactly what course the developments in Iran will take," he said.

This is the same, un hurried approach Bush and Baker took at the outset of the administra-

tion early this year when Gorbachev was rolling out a series of arms reduction initiatives. Last month, the president produced his own proposal to reduce Soviet and US forces in Europe as well as NATO and Warsaw Pact weapons arsenals.

Bush and Baker are taking a similarly measured approach to the repression in China of forces seeking a more liberal government. Defending that policy against congressional calls for stronger action, Baker said the administration was "taking carefully targeted actions while not being inflammatory in its rhetoric and preserving its options for the future."

(Washington — AP)

...US watching, waiting

By Barry Schwedt

THE Soviet Union is moving swiftly to repair its relations with Iran after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini, but US President George Bush's administration is standing firm on at least two pre-conditions for a resumption of relations.

Bush is insisting on an Iranian renunciation of terrorism and help from Iran to gain the release of the nine Americans held hostage in Lebanon by pro-Iranian forces.

The United States severed relations with Iran in 1980, five months after militants took over the US embassy in Tehran and held the diplomats and marine guards hostage.

Washington is playing a waiting game with an element of risk, as an opportunity for improved relations could be lost. But Secretary of State James Baker and officials in the State Department who keep close tabs on Iran apparently do not think so.

The post-Khomeini situation is still cloudy, with various factions within Iran believed to be vying for control. The United States apparently is not convinced Gorbachev's drive for better ties with Tehran will ultimately produce an overall pro-Soviet policy in Iran.

Interest

"It is in Iran's interest to play the third world game of balancing one superpower off against the other," a US official said.

Washington is negotiating with Iran three years to purchase Iranian natural gas. The deal, the key to improved economic ties between Moscow and Tehran, has yet to be completed.

Also, Gorbachev could be running a risk. The Soviets are the main weapons supplier to Iraq, the Iranians' bitterest enemy. If Gorbachev gets too close to Iran he might lose influence in Baghdad and with a number of other Arab countries traditionally hostile to the Muslim but non-Arab Iranians.

Gorbachev heartily welcomed the Speaker of the Iranian Majlis (parliament), Ali Akbar

Thursday on condition of not being identified.

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The key phrase in the communiqué spoke of "strengthening the defence capacity of Iran. That could mean anything from Soviet spare parts or replacements for armoured personnel carriers and artillery, which the Soviets provided Iran before the overthrow of the Shah a decade ago, to fighter planes.

Baker told a House of Representatives foreign affairs committee hearing: "We are concerned about the possibility of

weapons transfers."

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Albinism

Economic circumstances have also attenuated the historic animosity between the two countries.

In Morocco, underpaid teachers and workers are growing increasingly restive, threatening the national unity created by the popular but costly Polisario war.

The way for greater regional co-operation has been paved by recent improvements in key bilateral relationships. With help from Algeria, Tunisia and Libya restored ties in 1987 after a two-year break.

The critical obstacle to unity was overcome in March. Algeria and Morocco capped a rapprochement that month when Morocco belatedly ratified a 1972 boundary treaty.

Morocco's earlier unwillingness to ratify the treaty had angered Algeria. Later, seeing a chance to outflank and

isolate Morocco's King Hassan, Algeria backed the Polisario guerrillas fighting for independence for the Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony claimed by Morocco.

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Given Khaddafi's history of seeking to destabilise Maghrebian regimes, there is a logic to having Libya sign a pact that commits the five parties to respect each other's borders. But some Western diplomats also warn that even though Khaddafi has chosen to join the AMU, the Libyan leader, driven by wider ambitions, is likely in time to resume his troublemaking.

"As soon as he gets himself out of the hole by being a respected member of a respected group, he'll go back to his old tricks," one Western diplomat in Algiers predicts.

Nor will the accent on unity within the Maghreb end the competition for regional leadership between socialist Algeria and monarchist Morocco, diplomatic sources in the region caution.

But in the future, the rivalry is likely to be channeled more into the search for expanded diplomatic roles in the Arab world.

Both countries have recently been attempting to improve their relations with each other. In April, the two leaders met in Algiers and agreed to work together on issues such as trade and investment.

Attempts at Maghrebian economic unity date back to the early 1960s. They were bedeviled by frequent local conflicts, the absence of roads and infrastructure to accommodate trade within the region, and the in flexibility of state-run economies which made real integration impossible.

What makes the latest attempt different, say various economists in the region, is the compelling economic need behind it, as the Maghrebian states struggle with problems created by high birth rates and underdevelopment.

The Christian Science Monitor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Expat comment

SIR: In the early days of my residence in Kuwait I used to get annoyed at some social researcher's findings that foreigners, especially certain categories of "Asians," were responsible for the pernicious influence on the overall moral fibre of Kuwaiti society. But after almost a decade of stay here I am convinced that such an opinion is not without

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kuwait trade volume surges as share market picks up

THE Alshaih Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 37.83 points with an increase of 0.12 point — 0.32 per cent — over last week's average.

The Alshaih Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 68.67 points with a decrease of 0.35 point — 0.51 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshaih weekly market report.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 18.92 million shares at a daily average of 3.78 million shares with an increase of 2 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 3.70 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 0.27 million shares at a daily average of 0.05 million shares with a decrease of 95 per cent from last week's daily average of 1.15 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD7.77 million at a daily average of KD1.55 million, an increase of 10 per cent over last week's daily average of KD1.41 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.010 million at a daily average of KD0.002 million, a decrease of 96 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.046 million.

The market showed signs of mixed performance.

The Kuwaiti shares market showed considerable activity which was reflected on all three indices (value, volume, price) of which the price index was the weakest.

The non-Kuwaiti shares market, on the other hand, gave weak signs. Market dealers and investors tend to consider short-run shares market investments which leads to selective purchasing of shares that have low risk and are easy to resell.

Market dealers are still expecting the solutions to the present economic problems to be declared, which were due as was promised by the government, after Eid Al Fitr. They interpret every mention of a committee or authority meeting to be related to the issue of the promised solutions.

"We believe that in spite of the possibility of making profit if investing in the above mentioned shares, this will lead to serious problems in the Kuwaiti Stock Exchange Market. However, the Stock Exchange Authority has suspended a certain company from trading in the market due to a declaration which will affect the company's profitability."

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector led at 48 per cent of total trading against 57 per cent last week, of which The National Bank led at 40 per cent followed by Kuwait Finance House at 20 per cent, and The Commercial Bank at 19 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 20 per cent, of which Mobile Telephone Systems led at 57 per cent followed by Kuwait Commercial Markets Co. at 23 per cent, and Public Warehousing Co. at 20 per cent.

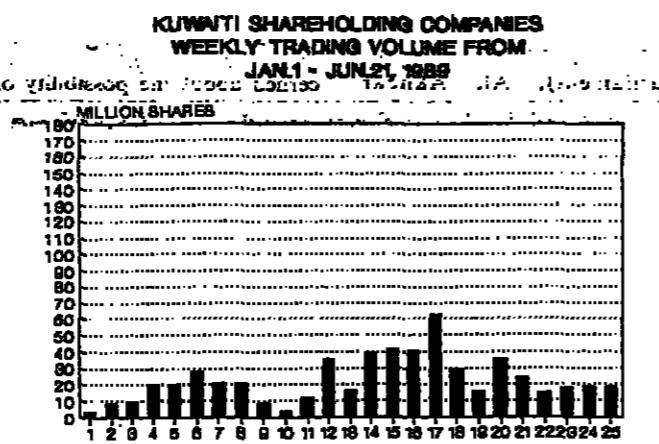
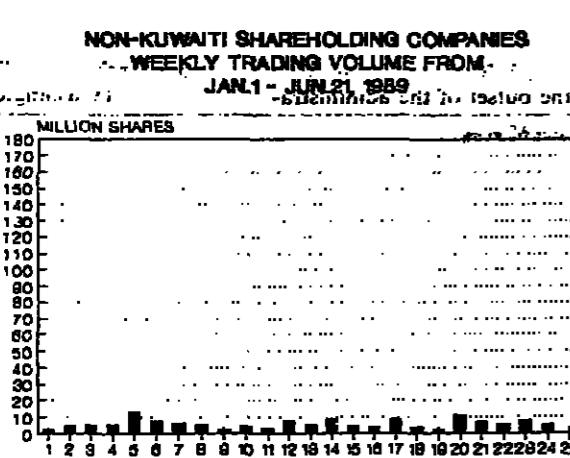
Kuwait shareholding companies index

Wednesday	Wednesday	Change	
21/06/89	14/06/89	points	
Banking Sector			
The National Bank	111.20	110.06	1.15
The Gulf Bank	31.92	31.48	0.44
The Commercial Bank	23.27	22.83	0.44
Al Ahli Bank	30.28	31.29	-1.01
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.50	30.97	-0.47
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.29	28.29	—
Total Index	68.67	69.02	-0.35

Burgan Bank	27.06	26.53	0.52
Kuwait Finance House	76.62	76.62	—
Sector Index	45.98	45.71	0.25
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	17.81	17.81	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	11.17	11.34	-0.17
IFA	31.62	31.62	—
Commercial Facilities	112.75	112.75	—
National Investments	64.71	63.73	0.98
Kuwait Investment Proj.	89.89	91.01	-1.12
Sector Index	31.82	31.86	-0.04
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	32.89	33.49	-0.60
Gulf Insurance Co.	24.62	24.62	—
Al Ahlia Insurance Co.	48.80	48.80	—
Warba Insurance Co.	58.42	58.42	—
Sector Index	34.87	34.98	-0.11
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	16.57	16.57	—
United Realty	5.81	5.58	0.22
National Real Estate	35.83	35.83	—
Pearl of Kuwait	68.25	69.05	-0.79
Sector Index	16.58	16.48	0.07
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	11.59	11.59	—
Refrigeration Indust.	79.06	79.06	—
Gulf Cables	110.87	110.87	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	73.78	73.78	—
Sector Index	29.98	29.98	—
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	159.84	159.84	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	70.71	68.62	2.02
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	37.29	37.57	-0.46
Mobile Telephone Syst.	280.95	285.71	-4.76
Sector Index	54.93	55.04	-0.11
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.62	10.62	—
Kuwait United Poultry	84.34	84.34	—
Kuwait Food Co.	66.67	66.67	—
Sector Index	38.78	38.78	—
Overall Index	37.83	37.72	0.12

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
Wednesday	Wednesday	Change	
21/06/89	14/06/89	points	
Banking Sector			
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—Base period 31/12/1983.
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.



'Crude demand will remain buoyant'

Algeria sees \$18 oil price

ALGIERS, June 24, (Agencies): Algeria today predicted that world oil prices would stabilise around \$18 a barrel for the rest of this year if all OPEC members kept commitments made at their meeting this month.

But Energy Minister Saddek Bousenna told Reuters in an interview that OPEC member Algeria would seek prices higher than \$18 for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries next year.

OPEC's 13 members set a production ceiling for the second half of 1989 of 19.5 million barrels daily (BPD), one million BPD higher than for the first half, and reaffirmed a reference price of \$18 a barrel.

"The first week of July will be important. If there is the discipline subscribed to in Vienna I think prices should stay stable around the reference price of \$18 a barrel," Bousenna said.

The world's most widely traded crude oil, North Sea Brent blend, now trades at just below \$18.

Bousenna said he would not accept an increase in the 19.5 million BPD ceiling when OPEC ministers next meet in September unless demand warranted.

More oil exploration activities stressed

KUALA LUMPUR, June 24, (KUNA): Based on the total reserves of 3,000 million barrels which have been found so far, Malaysia's oil reserves are expected to be depleted in 15 years' time while gas reserves of 1.472 million cubic metres are expected to last more than 100 years.

A senior cabinet minister Dr Sulaiman Daud, who was reported to have said this here today, stressed that with more exploration activities, petroleum reserves, however, are expected to increase, thus lengthening the span of the nation's known oil and gas reserves.

Dr Sulaiman, who is a minister in the prime minister's department and minister of justice, said more than 130 exploration wells and 350 development wells will be drilled by Petronas (National Oil

Corporation) contractors under production sharing contracts in the next three years.

He said more than 43 per cent of the 500,000 sq. km. area containing hydrocarbon throughout the country, including 99,000 sq. km. offshore, had been awarded to firms under the contracts.

He said the remaining area will be parcellled out to various oil companies in stages according to the country's programmes and needs.

He added over the past two years, 21 new contracts had been signed with foreign oil companies with investments totalling more than \$326 million.

Meanwhile, ASEAN economic ministers have approved new terms of reference to guide the future activities of ASEAN experts group on coal.

Islamic bank plans unit trust

KUALA LUMPUR, June 24, (KUNA): The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) will introduce a unit trust by the end of this year to enable the private sector in member countries, including Malaysia, to raise funds to undertake further investment, trade and development projects.

Initially, the unit trust will raise \$100 million from IDB members and non-members and subsequently enlarge it to between \$300 million and \$1 billion over the next three years.

IDB's senior project officer Dr Tajudeen Abedyi, who announced this here yesterday, said that the main objective of the unit trust was to encourage the formation of active capital market in member countries.

"Quoted and unquoted companies from member countries will benefit from the unit trust," he told newsmen after a dialogue session with the Malaysian private sector at the Finance Ministry.

Initially, the funds will be raised from non-member countries and from emerging markets such as Japan. But gradually, we plan to raise and invest the entire fund in the secondary and primary markets of member countries.

In addition, the IMF said it is prepared to consider increasing its lending by up to 40 per cent of Venezuela's IMF quota — its capital commitment to the multilateral organisation — in the event financing arrangements are concluded with commercial bank creditors for debt service reduction.

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Economic reform programme

\$4.64b IMF loan for Venezuela

WASHINGTON, June 24, (UPI): The International Monetary Fund yesterday announced a \$4.64 billion loan to support Venezuela's economic reform programme, with one-fourth of the funds earmarked for reducing the OPEC nation's commercial bank debt.

The IMF board approved a 3,703.1 million Special Drawing Rights loan, equivalent to \$4.64 billion for Venezuela over three years under a so-called "extended arrangement."

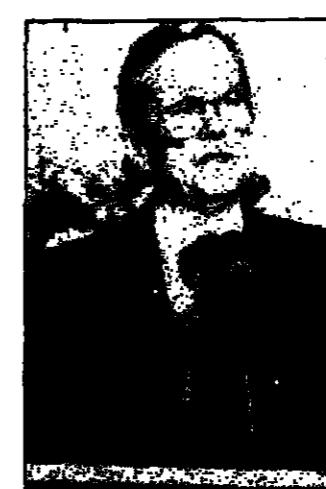
The fund said it had accepted a request by Venezuelan authorities that 25 per cent of the loan, or about \$1.16 billion, be set aside to reduce the country's debt to private banks.

Venezuela, a founding member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, has external debt of \$33 billion, of which about \$22 billion is owed to private banks, financial sources said.

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reduction operations could be close to \$1.8 billion.

On June 15, the World Bank announced \$755 million in quick disbursement loans to Venezuela, also with the provision that up to 25 per cent — or \$187.5 million — could be used to support debt reduction schemes.

Under the Brady plan, countries will be allowed to use IMF and World Bank resources to repurchase debt at a discount or use them as collateral for debt conversion operations.

The IMF already has amounted

ced major loans with debt reduction provisions to the Philippines, Mexico and Costa Rica.

Mexico currently is negotiating a major debt reduction plan with its bank lenders, but so far the parties do not appear close to an agreement on the percentage of the cut.

It is expected that after Mexico reaches an agreement with the commercial banks, Venezuela will ask for similar concessions from its own private bank creditors.

On March 29, the fund approved a first-ever loan to Venezuela for \$430 million in support of its government's economic reform programme.

Austerity measures taken at the time by the newly elected government of President Carlos Andres Perez sparked riots in which more than 300 people were killed.

Strategy

The strategy supported by the IMF loan is designed to bring about a major restructuring of Venezuela's economy, reduce its dependence on oil exports and enable domestic producers to compete more effectively in the international marketplace.

According to the IMF, the Perez government already has undertaken actions to reduce the scope of public sector intervention in the economy, enhance the efficiency of resource use by giving greater play to international competitive forces, liberalise investment regulations and limit the scope of price controls.

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Central bank likely to lower interest rates

Fed may ease credit conditions

NEW YORK, June 24, (UPI): The dollar extended its swift retracement this week, undermined by economic data that fuelled speculation the Federal Reserve might ease credit conditions and a report out of Washington saying the United States, Japan and West Germany had agreed to bring it lower.

Since the dramatic sell-off last Thursday and yesterday, the dollar has fallen below 1.95 against the West German mark and 1.40 against the Japanese yen in volatile trading, down sharply from recent highs of 2.05 marks and 1.50 yen.

The latest pressure on the dollar came yesterday morning with a government report showing durable goods orders in May plunged 4.2 per cent, well below market predictions of a 0.1 per cent increase.

The report increased fears in the currency markets that the Fed might be in a position to lower interest rates, which would be a negative for the dollar because favourable interest rate differentials would be narrowed.

On Tuesday a Federal judge in New York approved the comprehensive settlement reached by the Securities and Exchange Commission and Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., closing the civil charges against the firm after a 2 1/2-year probe.

The approval cleared the way for Drexel to enter guilty pleas to six criminal counts and pay an unprecedented \$650 million in fines and restitution.

John Mulheren Jr., a former Wall Street specialist, on Thursday pleaded innocent to 42 counts of conspiracy, mail fraud and securities violations.

Mulheren, 39, a partner and chief trader of the now-defunct trading and arbitrage firm of North-

Year-long campaign to fight inflation

Orders for durable goods plunge

WASHINGTON, June 24, (AP): Orders for "big ticket" durable goods plunged 4.2 per cent in May, the steepest drop in 10 months, the government said today.

Durable goods include a wide range of items, from warships to warships, expected to last three or more years. Economists closely track the orders as a measure of the health of the industrial sector and of the impact of interest rates on the economy. Persistent weakness is liable to lead to layoffs at manufacturing plants.

The plunge in May "means fewer people will be needed to make things, whether it's planes or cars or washing machines," said economist Cynthia Latta of Data Resources Inc. in Massachusetts.

Jamie Securities, is charged with scheming to manipulate the price of Gulf and Western common stock, US officials said.

A former member of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York pleaded guilty on Wednesday to leaking advance word on interest rate changes in the first insider trading case focussing on a Federal Reserve system official.

Robert A. Rough admitted to a charge of fraud, becoming the first Fed bank board member convicted of a criminal act in his official capacity, federal prosecutors said.

NWA Inc., parent of North-

However, analysts were unlikely to be overly alarmed by the May report because orders had surged in April and because May was heavily influenced by a sharp decline in orders for aircraft and parts.

The Commerce Department said orders for durable goods fell to a seasonally adjusted \$124 billion after climbing a revised 3.2 per cent in April and 1 per cent in March. The April increase had previously been estimated at 3 per cent.

Excluding the volatile transportation sector, which swings widely from month to month, orders fell 2.1 per cent in May, rose 4.5 per cent in April and climbed 2.6 per cent in March.

Analysts generally agree the economy's growth is slowing this year, but there is considerable debate over whether the

sluggish growth will continue or the country will topple into a recession.

A variety of other government reports also indicate the economy is slowing in response to the Federal Reserve's year-long campaign to fight inflation with higher interest rates. Recently, in apparent reaction to the reports, the Fed permitted interest rates to drop slightly.

Durable-goods orders now have fallen in three out of the last five months and their level remains \$5.9 billion below the high of \$132.1 billion in December.

Although transportation orders in May showed the steepest drop, 9.4 per cent, orders were weak in the other sectors as well.

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west Airlines, said on Monday it is to be acquired by an investment group headed by Los Angeles businessman Alfred Checchi.

Checchi proposed \$700 million in equity and \$3.35 billion in borrowed funds for the \$121-a-share offer totalling more than \$4 billion for the airline.

Eastern Airlines on Thursday asked a bankruptcy court to allow it to impose up to \$50 million in temporary wage cuts and permanent work rule changes on its pilots. The filing asked the court to allow Eastern to break its contract with the Air Line Pilots Association, and

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and announced a revised merger pact with Warner Communications Inc. under which Time would pay close to \$14 billion in cash and securities for Warner.

Paramount's latest salvo came yesterday when it sweetened its bid for Time to \$200 a share, or about \$12.3 billion.

Prime Computer Co. and J.H. Whitney and Co. yesterday announced a merger agreement under which the investment firm would launch a \$1.1 billion tender offer for 79 per cent of the Natick, Massachusetts-based computer company.

Prime has been fending off the unsolicited attention of mini-computer company Mai Basic Four Inc. of Tustin, California, for the past nine months.

Lin Broadcasting Corp., the target of an unsolicited buyout proposal from McCaw Cellular Communications, Tuesday rejected McCaw's \$120-a-share offer.

Two weeks ago the Kirkland, Washington-based McCaw offered to buy all the outstanding shares of Lin that it does not already own. McCaw owns 9.8 per cent of Lin's 44 million shares, making the offer worth \$5.8 billion.

Federal Reserve Board Governor H. Robert Heller Wednesday announced his resignation after less than three years of service.

Heller, 49, appointed to the board by former President Reagan, will become executive vice-president of Visa International in San Mateo, California.

His departure will give President Bush his first chance to fill one of the seven slots on the board of governors, subject to approval by the Senate.

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Advances led declines by nearly 1,066 to 432 in strong new York Stock Exchange volume of 198,720,000 shares, up from 176,510,000 shares on Thursday.

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The Commerce Department said that orders for durable goods fell 4.2 per cent in May, the largest decline in nearly a year and a further sign that the econ-

omy is slowing as a result of the Federal Reserve's anti-inflationary measures.

The report caught off guard investors who had anticipated that orders would be unchanged from April.

"I was surprised at the strength of the market," said Jay McElroy, principal of 1838 Investment Advisors L.P. "The economy looks like it's slowing down — that was the key."

The report also sparked a rally in the bond market where the benchmark 30-year treasury bond jumped 1 1/2 points, lowering its yield to 8.20 percent from 8.33 percent.

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"I love it," said Peter Canfield, Bear Stearns Co. investment strategist. "It (the market) is walking up. I think the correction of the past month is probably finished. People are clearly recognising the slower economy," he said.

"It looks as if we're challenging old highs," said George Adler, Banc One Asset Management Corp. director of portfolio management.

The NYSE composite index of all listed common stocks rose 2.80 to 182.85. The Standard & Poor's composite index of 500 stocks was up 5.68 at 328.00.

The average share on the New York Stock Exchange rose 56 cents. Composite volume on the New York and other consolidated exchanges was 233,850 million shares.

On the American Stock Exchange the Amex index was up 2.04 at 364.25 while the Nasdaq over-the-counter index rose 3.03 at 448.36.



Dollar recovers

A money dealer points out in busy trading at a Tokyo foreign exchange market on Friday. The dollar recovered in Tokyo slightly on Friday, after falling sharply in New York, on false rumour that President George Bush had been shot. The US currency rose to 140.35 yen and 1.9625 West German marks in Tokyo on the day from 139.10 yen and 1.95 marks at Thursday's New York close. (Reuter wirephoto)

US economy is slowing

Stocks rally to new post-crash high

NEW YORK, June 24, (Reuters):

Wall Street stocks catapulted to a new post-crash high yesterday, encouraged by fresh signs that the US economy is slowing and interest rates could be headed lower.

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EVENTS**American Express introduces a new service**

AMERICAN Express in the Middle East introduced a new service to all holders of the American Express Personal (Green) Card. This new service, called Global Assist, will provide cardmembers with immediate referral to medical, legal and travel services whatever the time of day or night, when they are travelling abroad. Cardmembers can call the service collect from anywhere outside the Middle East and receive help 24 hours a day, 265 days a year.

The service is free of charge and is automatically provided to all cardmembers. The service not only covers the basic cardmember but also members of his family whenever they are travelling with him.

George Efthymioulios, vice-president and general manager of American Express, Middle East, Greece and Cyprus said: "This new service of American Express cardmembers is another demonstration of our continuous commitment to offer our customers quality products and services. Global Assist will be another service to our cardmembers, providing

them with additional peace of mind and convenience especially when travelling abroad whether on business or pleasure."

He continued by saying: "This new service is another added reason for people who do not have the card to apply for it now before this summer travel season."

Meanwhile, American Express announced recently that its card will be available to selected Soviet citizens residing in the USSR or abroad.

Initially the American Express Card will be offered to Soviet businesspersons and government officials who are clients of the Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of the USSR, and who have access to US dollars via an account at the bank. The card will be embossed with the bank's name and the name of the individual.

Soviet cardmembers will qualify for the core American Express range of benefits and services, and can use their card at over 2.5 million service establishments in 150 countries. We see the American Express has had a

business presence in the USSR for over 30 years, and is the only officially recognised travel related services organisation with offices in Moscow and Leningrad. These provide travel assistance, traveller cheque sales and refunds, and the full range of American Express cardmember services including emergency card replacement and 24-hour cash access through American Express' two automated teller machines in Moscow.

In ratifying the agreement with the bank, Juergen Aumueller, president American Express Travel Related Services, Europe, said: "We are delighted to offer selected Soviet citizens the chance to experience the international acceptability and the superior customer service associated with the American Express Card."

The company has a long established business relationship with the Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of the USSR. In 1988 American Express in co-operation with the bank was the first financial services company to install cash dispensers in the Soviet Union. Both are located in Moscow, one at the American Express travel office, and the other at the Sovincentre.

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Investcorp's fund makes overwhelming success

INVESTCORP, the international investment bank which recently launched its first European Acquisition Fund, announced recently that the offer to Gulf institutional and private investors had attracted an overwhelming response and had in fact been over-subscribed in excess of one hundred per cent.

In under three weeks the private placement of this fund, which aimed to raise £30 million, generated subscriptions for over £60 million. At the request of the investors, Investcorp decided to increase the size of the fund from £30 million to £50 million and allocate the £20 million increase to the investors on pro rata basis.

Investcorp arranged this fund to take advantage of the growing corporate merger and acquisition opportunities that are presently emerging in Western Europe. The new fund will invest in equity and equity related instruments of the corporate transactions that Investcorp will arrange in Europe. The fund is expected to have a term of seven years and is expected to invest in several European transactions.

During the past six years,

Investcorp has emerged as a leading international institution specialising in corporate acquisitions and management buy-outs. Since its inception Investcorp has arranged and participated in several acquisitions in Europe as well as in North America.

Commenting on the success of the offer, Bill Samuel, member of the Investcorp management committee, said: "With the run-up to 1992 we believe that there will be a growing number of acquisition opportunities in Europe. We have already completed nine European acquisitions — in UK, France, Germany and Italy, and their success together with our track record in the US means that we are well-positioned to benefit from these opportunities." Marwan Al-Hayek, a member of Investcorp's marketing team, said: "The investors who subscribed to the European Acquisition Fund obviously share our belief in the potential within Europe. Many of them have participated directly and profitably in our US corporate acquisitions and appreciate the benefits of geographic diversification."

World class distributor

SYDNEY, Australia: Ali Awni Masoud (above) of Mohamed Abdulrahman Al Bahar Est. has been honoured as a world class distributor of GE Appliances during 1988.

The honour is awarded to GE Appliance distributors who represent the top sellers of GE, Hotpoint and Monogram appliances in the world, explained Arnold Myers, general manager of GE Appliances International.

Mohamed Abdulrahman Al Bahar Est. was honoured during the 1988 GE World Class Conference, held in Australia in March. During a week of business meetings and leisure opportunities in Sydney and the Australian Gold Coast, Ali Awni Masoud received a crystal award that symbolised his World Class performance.

GE Appliances International, an innovator and quality leader in the major appliance industry, markets GE, Hotpoint and Monogram refrigerators, home laundry products, electric ranges, dishwashers, air conditioners and microwave ovens.

Fire extinguishing systems demonstration

SAVAL Kronenburg, a Dutch company with 150 years of experience in fire detection and fighting carried out intensive demonstrations of their impressive fire extinguishing systems.

Saval Kronenburg and Maseelah Trading Co. of Kuwait, in co-operation with KOC and KNPC officials simulated the situation of a fire in a floating roof oil tank, to demonstrate these efficient fire detection and extinguishing systems on June 12.

The demonstration, displayed how fires which cannot be detected by the human eye until too late can be spotted and put out almost immediately by Saval Kronenburg's unique system.

Over the many years of Saval Kronenburg's reputable presence in the field of fire fighting the company has designed and supplied systems to numerous large oil companies in the world.

In Kuwait, the Shuaiba, Mina Ahmadi and Mina Abdullah refineries as well as



Officials demonstrate a system.

the Sabhan Depot have been fitted with Saval Kronenburg fire fighting equipment.

Maseelah Trading Company, a division of the Al Mulla

shown. Children can join the caring bears of Care-A-Lot in five fully animated stories: "The Gift of Caring", Desert Gold, The Magic Lamp, Bright Heart's Bad Day and The Wrath of Shrecky. Admission is free. Tel: 251512; 2533204; 2533227.

MUSIC

Octave musical JUNE 29: Due to public demand, Octave musical group repeats Indian musical programme at 7.30 pm at IAC auditorium. A show with a difference.

SOCIAL

"Hotter Than July" July 7 (Friday): A pop, rock, country and reggae music festival to be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel Ballroom from 7 to 10 pm. The groups to be featured are Top Ranks, Earthquake, Zambezi, Manila Boys, Louis Villeveau, Daniel Sisters and special guest appearance by Steve Michael. Tickets priced at KD5/- are available at: Messilah Beach Hotel — Tel. 5624111 Ext. 721/729; Art

Group, is the local agent for Saval Kronenburg's extraordinary fire fighting equipment. Working closely with their principals, Maseelah Trading

Corporation, Nugra: 2665068/2659820; Swan Lake Recording, Salma: 5721030; No. 1 Records, Sultan Center — 5719620 Ext. 46.

Special offer for office and home delivery of tickets please call 2669963, 3928504 and 5639689.

Musical instruments will be given as gifts on entrance tickets

Red and Black nite

JULY 11: The Weekend Club will host the Red & Black Nite at the Sheikha Ballroom of the Regency Palace with Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones in attendance.

Dress is informal but red and black combinations. Highlights include selection of the Red and Black Couple, most original costume and a jive contest. Gala buffet dinner is included. For reservations contact: Hilary: 5741380 Julio: 5734513 and Mercedes: 4890566.

St Paul's Jumble Sale

St Paul's Jumble Sale, scheduled for June 30, has been postponed.

D'Assisi Social Evening AUG 1: D'Assisi Associa-

tions will hold their social evening at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Arnost, Shop No. 34, Al Karanak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

United Goans AUG 3: Summerbell '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbell, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140 Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex

(22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

A scene from 'A Shadow in the Sun', the bestseller on KTV2 at 10.30 pm today.

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran

9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety

9.30 Cartoons

10.00 Magazine D'Actualite

10.15 Hafat Al Hawiya: Arabic serial

11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety

11.10 Al Nas Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial

12.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety

12.10 That's Incredible: Foreign programme

1.00 News Summary

1.05 The World Today via Satellite

1.30 Falouja: Cartoon serial

2.00 Variety

2.12 Imra'a La Taref Al Yas: Arabic serial

3.00 Mawsooia Al Sona Al Nabawiya: Religious programme

3.30 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: Cartoon serials

4.00 Abdul Rahman Al Ghia: Historical serial

4.45 Al Miyyoonira Al Hafya: Arabic feature film, starring Salah Tho El Fogar, Hala Fuad, Huda Ramzi, and Ihsan Galawi

6.00 Stories from Holy Quran: Children's serial

7.00 Ghazw Al Fadha' (Space Invasion): Cultural programme

7.30 Fi Khidmat Al Jomhoor: Local programme

8.15 Diwaniyat Shuara' Al Nabat: Local programme

9.00 News in Arabic

10.00 Al Yaqeen: Daily Arabic serial

10.45 Sahra Monawa'a: Local variety programme

12.05 News summary and Closedown

7.00 In the Wild: art of survival in the Australian desert.

7.30 Sea Hunt: "Pearl Beds". Dr Mike and his daughter Jennifer are asked not to dive near Kalimo island.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Murder, She Wrote: "Wearing of the Green". Jessica Fletcher is accused of stealing a crown jewel.

9.30 Nature Watch: "Sika and Sambar." A look at gazelle species in Asia.

10.00 You Can't Take It With You: "For Whom the Phone Rings." Morgan tells the telephone company to change their number as the family received several hoax calls.

10.30 Best-Seller: "A Shadow in the Sun."

Beryl returns to Africa and becomes the first woman pilot to cross the Atlantic.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait

Baghdad Pharmacy

Abdullah Al Salem St.

Al Kawthar Pharmacy

Abdullah Al Mubarak St.

Hawalli and Nagra

Al Najat Pharmacy

Hawalli

Salma and Rumaiyah

Qortuba Pharmacy

Salem Al Mubarak St.

Fahheel and Ahmed

Al Ittehad Pharmacy

Fahheel, Makkah St.

Khetan

Al Wahda Pharmacy

Main St.

Jahra

Al Khaled Pharmacy

Opp. to Jahra Co-Op.

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.14

Zuhr 11.50

Aср 3.24

Magrib 6.51

Isha 8.23

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus

The Beast Master

Al Jahra

Apuan

Granada

Kasam Suhaag Ki

Sulabhikat

Blast Fighter

Al Jeeb

SNIPPETS

SANJUAN: Two brothers stabbed dead a friend in an argument over a bottle of beer during a drinking party.

Nemesio Merida, 20, a restaurant bus boy and resident of 1270 Adelvo St., Barangay Onse, San Juan, suffered several stomach stab wounds police said.

His attackers were identified as Eddie, 29 and Tony Francisco, 25, both of 146 F. Blumentritt St. in the town.

Eddie was caught and mauled by a mob after a chase. They turned him over to the San Juan police station.

Police recovered from him a bloodstained nine-inch fan knife.

Eddie's younger brother was able to escape before policemen arrived.

Investigation showed that the three men were in a drinking party with other friends along J.P. Rizal St. when their argument started at 1 a.m.

"Ayaw nang uminom ni Merida pero pinipilit pa rin ng makapatiid hanggang sa magnuruhuan na sila," witnesses told a police.

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MANILA: Doctors selling medicines and drugs to their patients will be held liable for violating the Generics Act of 1988, Department of Health (DOH) Undersecretary Quintin Kintanar said.

Under the Generics Act, Kintanar said, doctors will be charged before the court if they are found selling medicines or prescribing brand names of drugs to their patients.

The patient has the right to choose among several brand names of medicines and the option to buy cheaper medicines regardless of their brand names.

Meanwhile, hospital and drugstore pharmacists vowed to follow the guidelines set by the Generics Act of 1988.

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MANILA: A memorandum of agreement to provide discount fare for travelling students was signed recently by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Philippine National Railways (PNR).

The agreement was signed by DOT acting Secretary Narzalina Z. Lim and PNR General Manager Petronides Prado.

The DOT, in line with its domestic tourism programme, has requested PNR for special discount for bona fide student travellers to provide them affordable, safe and convenient ways of reaching as many places in the country.

The DOT will provide students with Filrail Discount cards with adequate information materials on the destination.

The PNR will extend 25 per cent discount to student-travellers upon presentation of the Filrail Discounted.

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MANILA: Two men claiming to be cousins of Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) rookie Nelson Asaytono of Purefoods were arrested by lawmen night for possession of marijuana.

Martin Asaytono, 25 and his brother Rolando, 32, a trader, both of West Rembo, Fort Bonifacio, Makati were walking along 24th Ave. in the barangay when policemen led by Pat Jose Magallanes accosted them for routine identity check.

The Asaytonos failed to present any ID so the policemen frisked them.

Magallanes allegedly recovered marijuana wrapped in a newspaper and kept in a cassette tape in the left pant pocket of Rolando.

Marijuana wrapped in a bond paper was allegedly also found next in the right front pocket of Martin's pants.

The Asaytonos denied possessing marijuana and describe the arrest as a frameup.

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MANILA: Eight journalists have been named to the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines' Commission on Education and Research, the body in charge of carrying out the skills upgrading programme for the working press.

The commission administers the Joaquin "Chino" Roces Institute of Applied Journalism set up last year to undertake the continuing education and professionalization programme for the working press sector.

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MANILA: A candidate for president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) is still facing a disbarment case before the Supreme Court just two days before the national election.

The case against Ramon Nisce, in fact, has been pending since 1979. IBP members who asked not to be named revealed this week.

The disturbance complaint against Nisce, counsel of the Philippine Rabbit bus line was filed by Northern Cement Corp. (NCC) on April 7, 1979.

The complaint stemmed from a vehicular accident involving a Northern Cement freight truck and a Philippine Rabbit bus on June 4, 1973 which resulted in the death and injuries of several passengers. Several cases were filed against both the NCC and Philippine Rabbit, before the Court of First Instance of Abra.

Nisce allegedly delivered through an intermediary two postdated United Coconut Planters Bank checks of P43,000 each for the nine cases which were eventually decided in favour of Philippine Rabbit.

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BAGUIO CITY: Some 100 square shanties at the Crystal Cave area here were demolished recently by a team from the city government.

The city's squatter inspection team and the city prosecutor's office said the shanties were built on lots owned by Feati Bank and Trust Company, Deogracias Eufemio, and the L.R. Pascual Co.

Four of the shanties were spared by the demolition team when their owners promised to dismantle these themselves.

The city mayor's office said the squatters were earlier asked to vacate the place.

Residents had protested the presence of squatters in the Crystal Cave area, saying these have contributed to the ecology imbalance through the indiscriminate cutting of trees.

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Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (EIIB) Commissioner Jose Almonte has recommended death by hanging for dollar salters and smugglers in his meeting with President Aquino and her cabinet yesterday.

Almonte said the EIIB monitors and investigates activities of economic saboteurs operating on its one peso annual budget.

He said that dollar salting and smuggling should be classified under "heinous crimes."

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A Makati businessman shot and seriously wounded his common law wife of four years after an argument in their Sta Cruz, Manila rented room yesterday morning.

Doctors at the Metropolitan Hospital in Binondo gave Marilyn Sylvestre, 27, of 1929 T. Maupas St. a slim chance to survive her chest wounds. She was shot with a .38 revolver by Joselito Torres, 28, of Sta Ana St., Makati.

Homicide investigators said Torres accosted Sylvestre about her having an affair with her brother-in-law, Eduardo Rodriguez, their next-door neighbour.

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A labourer was stabbed to death by unidentified men on an isolated road inside a sub-division in Barangay Marungao, Bulacan, Bulacan last week.

Ricardo Lee, 34, of the Triple Junction sub-division in Barangay Matungao, died from six stab wounds in the chest, abdomen, neck and right shoulder.

Residents told investigators that Lee was already dead when they found him. The killers escaped toward Barangay Makapatan, they said.

Hours later, in Barangay Bahay-pari, Meycauayan, an unidentified man was gunned down by four men.

The victim was between 30 to 35 and wearing denim pants. He was shot once in the head and twice in the chest.

Police recovered 45 and 9mm shells near his body.

Witnesses told investigators that the victim had been taken to the place by the men in a jeepney.

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LAGUNA: A Capcom sergeant was shot dead by three men believed to be members of the New People's Army (NPA) Alex Boncaya Brigade in Binan, Laguna last night.

Sgt. Damaso Ubana, 40, detailed at the Capcom Tunasan detachment in Muntinlupa, died from two gunshot wounds in the back of the head.

Ubana was on his way home to Binan at about 6:30 pm. in his jeep when he picked several passengers along the way.

Three men boarded in the boundary of Muntinlupa and Binan. One of the men pulled a .45 pistol and shot Ubana twice in the head, witnesses told investigators.

After shooting Ubana, the gunmen alighted. One of them took a tricycle and the other two ran, witnesses said.

Tricycle driver Larry Rivero of Canalay, Binan, Laguna, told investigators that the man who rode his tricycle alighted at the Pacita Complex near the railroad.

Classrooms remain in poor state

Room for improvement in Filipino schools

THE 16,000,000 students returning to school this week will not find their schools improved. Classrooms are still short of the improvements the government wishes or public opinion demands.

But there are concrete proofs that the government is trying hard to effect improvements. Public Works claims to have constructed 6,116 new schoolrooms and rehabilitated 6,448 others this year. It also built 600 multipurpose halls, 662 workshops, 382 science laboratories, and 1,000 toilets for P20.000 students.

This will mean that about 520 students will use each toilet during the six or eight hours of classes a day. It is hard to imagine how 520 students can use the toilet without having to stand in line for hours. Yet this is better than going to a fence or a post. But what will the girls do with themselves?

It is suggested that Public Works should try hard to increase the number of toilets in order to reduce the number each served. Sanitary facilities should enjoy a high priority in the school construction budget.

Previously, the Education Department expressed fears that there would be a shortage of about 6,000 teachers. The fact that it no longer reports such shortage may mean that the demand teachers have been engaged.

Even so, it should be remembered that the education a student acquires depends mostly on the student himself. You may be able to lead a horse to water but you may not be able to make it drink. A student may study at a school with the most complete library and laboratory facilities, the best teachers and the most pleasant classrooms, but if the

student is handicapped by inner resistance and can only study without the proper intellectual curiosity, it will be as if he went to sleep throughout the recitation and went out gallivanting in the evenings when he ought to be keeping his nose in his books.

Perhaps the most important educational improvement this year is going to be the tuition subsidy that will presently be distributed to students. It is a little vague how this will improve education. There is no doubt the subsidies will reduce parents' or students' anxiety, but the quality of education they get may never show any improvement. The system should be regarded as experimental and repeated next year with the improvements that will be shown necessary by this year's experience.

What private secular education needs to improve itself is money that can be spent for improving instruction by the hiring of better-qualified instructors, for improving libraries and laboratories, and for bettering the environment — the campus, the buildings, etc.

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But he runs the risk of forgetting his studies and becoming a professional campus agitator. The real point is that he must be consistent. If he is so determined to get what he pays for, there is no better place to even up things than in the classroom. Once he has paid for the right to join a class, he should try to get his



A classroom (or in this case, a warehouse which students of Navotas Municipal High School call a classroom) without chairs no longer raise eyebrows these days. It is, after all less pitiful a sight than the most common ones one beholds during the opening of school — of students holding classes under the sun. How many school buildings could have been constructed had the anti-graft campaign been pursued more sincerely?

money's worth — or more than his money's worth, if he can manage.

It seems, however, that this is

not the case. Today's students

fight their schools and their teachers for the pleasure of winning their argument. In this way, they

seem to have exchanged their purpose in school for that of winning polemics rather than acquiring education.

Aquino orders prosecution

'Punish all in land scam'

PRESIDENT Aquino ordered the prosecution of all government officials and employees involved in the overpriced purchases of lands in Negros Occidental and Sorsogon, through which the government was defrauded of about P6.5 million.

The anomalies were uncovered by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) apparently after a review of its recent land acquisitions through voluntary offers to sell (VOS) under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme.

Malacanang said in a press statement that upon receiving the DAR report, Aquino ordered that further investigations on the two deals be "terminated as soon as possible and appropriate charges be filed against the erring parties."

Aquino did not name the government officials to be charged in court, but hinted that personnel of the DAR and Land Bank had conspired with landowners in the fraudulent deals.

"There is possible collusion between the landowners and some DAR personnel and people at the Land Bank of the Philippines, where the claim folders were reviewed and processed for more than three months before they were actually paid," Aquino told reporters.

She said the government had already made a partial payment on a 121.86-hectare piece of land in Sorsogon, whose price was set at P2.22 million, or about P26,445 per hectare.

The land was originally assessed at "a little over P16,000" per hectare by the Land Bank field representative and a DAR field team officer-in-charge, she said. "However, said valuation (P16,000) was increased to P21,700 per hectare and finally to P27,900 when the transaction reached the district office level."

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The land was offered for CARP coverage at P4 million by its owner, Guillermo Villasor Jr., but the price was jacked up apparently by government officials in charge of CARP.

Opposition leader Wilson Gamboa, who exposed the deal simultaneously with Sen. John Osmena last Thursday, said the whole estate only has 378 coconut trees, but a report prepared by DAR and

the local assessor's office placed the number of trees at 25,000.

The land was also upgraded from forth class to first class by the assessor, Gamboa said.

Aquino, said the price paid to Villasor was based on outdated valuations assigned to rice and coconut land as well as small parcels "presumed to be productive based on the prices they fetch" in private transactions.

Undersecretary Benjamin Leong, DAR officer-in-charge, said in his report to the President the manipulation of land prices were done in such a way that it would have been difficult to find "unless one purposely looks for them."

"Those responsible for the improper application of the guidelines must be highly familiar with the valuation process to know just how to manipulate to the landowner's advantage," he said.

Leong, who was appointed DAR officer-in-charge while Secretary Philip Ella Juico is being investigated in connection with the P62.7-million Garciotin land scam, said the Negros Occidental transaction has led landowners into believing the government was paying good prices under the VOS.

He said further investigations were needed to determine who were responsible for the anomalies and determine the measures that should be taken to prevent "similar occurrences."

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the local assessor's office placed the number of trees at 25,000.

The complaining residents said they pay their taxes to the city government but they could not get fair treatment from city officials.

They are blaming Asistio for allowing the councilor to meddle in City Hall affairs.

Peso falling

THE reference rate of the peso to the US dollar slipped to P21.695 yesterday from P21.68 Thursday on a turnover of only \$2 million, sold by Security Bank to Land

Bank.

Santiago: keeping a low profile to dispel rumours

College of Law where she has been a professor for 13 years.

"Otherwise, I will become fair game for politicians and interest groups interested in 1

Clavio robbery-murder case

Police arrest without warrants

By Humberto S. Basco
Councillor, 2nd District Manila

THE mess that has taken over the Maj. Clavio police operations in Southern Luzon is affecting the sensibilities of the public to irritating ends. Based on news reports, the WPD investigators under Gen. Alfredo Lim had solved the crime and were in pursuit of the criminals beyond their territorial jurisdiction when military authorities under Southern Luzon Command chief Brig. Gen. Alejandro Galido stalled the operations on grounds of tactical technicalities and on basis of constitutional principles and procedural law.

What are the issues and what are the right conclusions?

It's admitted that crime was committed. A heinous public crime such as the Clavio robbery-murder affects not only public interests but public sensibility. Public interest and public indignation demand that the WPD authorities take swift action on this matter.

General Lim did that. Police authority to effect custodial arrest within city jurisdiction is provided under the City Charter (R.A. 409), Secs. 34 and 37, Art. VII, which states:

"Sec. 34 — There shall be a chief of police" charged with the protection of the rights of persons and property wherever found within the jurisdiction of the city, and shall arrest without warrant, when

necessary to prevent the escape of the offender ...

Sec. 37 — ... The chief and deputy chief ... the city police and detective force shall be peace officers ... are authorized to pursue and arrest, without warrant, any person found in suspicious places or under suspicious circumstances reasonably tending to show such person has committed, or is about to commit, any crime."

The facts and circumstances surrounding the Clavio robbery-murder case established to the public mind that it is one with continuing jurisdiction and effect as to continue police hot pursuit action. Custodial arrests (without warrant) of known suspects thereof could be effected in the broad legal understanding that the perpetrators are known to have just committed, were committing and were continuing to commit crime.

Under the broad but clear provisions of the Revised Penal Code and rules on criminal procedures, crimes (of the nature like robbery and murder) can be prosecuted and pursued beyond the limits of its commission, and custodial arrests of their perpetrators can be affected by plain citizens.

Thus we have these principles and practices of crime in transitu or continuing as well as the so-called citizen's arrest.

The Revised Penal Code on crimes supplemented by Rule 113, Sec. 5 of the Rules on Criminal Procedure reads:

"Sec. 5 — Arrest without warrant, when lawful — A peace officer or a private person may, without a warrant, arrest a person:

"a) When, in his presence, the person to be arrested has committed, is actually committing or is attempting to commit an offense;

"b) When an offense has in fact just been committed, and he has personal knowledge of facts indicating that the per-

son to be arrested has committed it; and
"c) When the person to be arrested is a prisoner who has escaped from a penal establishment or place where he is serving final judgement or temporarily confined while his case is pending, or has escaped while being transferred from one confinement to another."

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The Constitution qualifies the matter in Sec. 4, Art. II (Declaration of Principles and State Policies): "The prime duty of the government is to serve and protect the people ..."

The situation clear in the mind of the people is that there is that heinous crime incident that happened in Manila that needs to be solved, the perpetrators punished, and the public credibility in their police restored. Media has been helpful in projecting this situation to establishment, in guise of tactical jurisdictional techniques, is actually envious of the emerging power of the police organisation; whether there is truth to the implication that military authorities are really respectful of basic human rights, or that, on the broad scope, there is no clear assurance that the military or the police have the desired capability to prevent and control crime in our jurisdiction.

The mess at camp Nakar would be a good food for our thoughts.

Here comes the mess at camp Nakar, where even the 15 or so covering newsmen were arrested and detained by General Galido's men, together with General Lim's pursuing operatives.

There should be no abuse on the agents of government, especially the police, in enforcing the law against an individual.

There is no doubt that General Galido

has his own private and pre-set perception about the messy incident, that is different from the perception of General Lim's men.

Off-hand, General Galido is right in assuming that the Constitution protects and guarantees individual rights from wanton arrests and searches without court warrant (Sec. 1, Art III, Bill of Rights).

There should be no abuse on the agents of government, especially the police, in enforcing the law against an individual.

But here comes a demarcation line as to what extent the single individual interest

Babies for sale?

By Nimfa Rueda

THE sister-in-law of Trade and Industry Secretary Jose Conception, who was accused of selling babies to American couples, said politics was behind the raid by government agents on her nursery in Makati Thursday.

An Araneta-Ocampo said Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Mita Pardo de Tavera asked the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) to conduct the raid because she "does not welcome help from the private sector."

"Ma-pride kasi siya. Politics is involved here," Ocampo told newsmen. NBI agents raided a nursery operated by Ocampo in San Antonio Village, Makati and accused Ocampo of selling 106 babies to American couples for P10,000 to P20,000 each.

Ocampo denied the charges and clarified that the money involved — an average of P5,000 per "baby" — were voluntarily given by couples adopting the children to help her finance the nursery and to cover transportation and miscellaneous expenses of the children's parents.



Ocampo also said only six of the couples were Americans. The rest were Filipinos.

"What I am engaged in is a 100-per cent humanitarian project with 100-percent government harassment," said the 57-year-old Ocampo, daughter of the late prominent businessman Salvador Araneta and former confidante of President Aquino at the Assumption Convent. Her sister is married to the trade and industry secretary.

"I told her the project is my contribution to her government," she added.

"They ((DSWD)) just want me

to turn over the babies to them," she said.

Ocampo admitted the nursery has no licence but said she was in the process of applying for one.

Ocampo said parents who want to give up their babies go to her and she facilitates the adoption of the children by well-of childless couples.

"But I make sure the couples can give the baby proper care and good education," she said.

The six babies recovered by the raiding team were turned over yesterday to the DSWD and are now at the Reception and Study Centre for Children in Baguio City, Quezon City.

In a press statement, the DSWD said all except one suffered from ailments such as gastroenteritis, viral rashes and upper respiratory infection.

But Ocampo said a medical check-up conducted right after the raid showed only one was sick.

"Sinisira lang talaga ako," she said.

Ocampo said she wrote Aquino to explain her side.

"I told her the project is my contribution to her government," she added.



Congress closes

CONGRESS ended its second regular session last week, boasting of passing several major economic bills that seek to stimulate the country's further growth despite the number of scandals that rocked its two houses.

The lawmakers are scheduled to open the third regular session on July 24, with President Aquino scheduled to deliver the State-of-the-Nation address.

After two regular sessions, the House of Representatives acted on a total of 1,058 bills, a measly 4 percent of 25,000 proposals filed before it.

Of the 1,058 bills, only 91 have been enacted or lapsed into law.

The Senate, meanwhile, approved a bicameral report on the creation of an autonomous region in Muslim Mindanao before adjourning.

This autonomous region will be composed of the provinces and cities which will vote for inclusion in the region during a plebiscite to be held after Aquino signs the autonomy bill into law.

The plebiscite shall be conducted in the provinces of Basilan, Cotabato, Davao del Sur, Lenao del Norte, Maguindanao, Palawan, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sulu, Tawi-tawi, Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga del Sur and the cities of Cotabato, Dipolog, Gen. Santos, Iligan, Marawi, Pagadian, Puerto Princesa and Zamboanga.

"We should continue developing strategies and mechanism for nationwide development," speaker Ramon V. Mitra said as he declared the session closed.

But Mitra said "Congress must show (it) can temper political liberty with social responsibility and ... use power with wisdom and restraint."

In his achievement report, Mitra said the House had passed bills that seek to spur the development of the countryside, the most notable of which are the Kalakalan '90 and the build-operate-and-transfer measure that allows private firms to erect public facilities on a turn-key basis.

On the social front, the House passed the education subsidy bill, allotting P360 million to help students in private high schools and colleges meet their tuition requirements.

At the end of the session, the bicameral conference committee approved the proposed organic acts for the Cordillera and Southern Philippines autonomous regional government to sustain their operations in the next five years.

Military charges communist rebels

MALOLOS, Bulacan: The military last week filed subversion charges against 58 leaders and regulars of the Communist Party of Philippines and the New People's Army operating in Bulacan.

Among those charged before provincial prosecutor Liberto Reyes were: Emilio Bautista, alias Ka Derma, official spokesman of the rebels; Eduardo Rebania, alias Ka Joven, overall commander of the Bulacan CPP-NPA district 3; and Ernesto Bergullo, alias Ka Remcy, who has been tagged by the military as the top rebel leader. Bergullo was earlier reported killed in a clash with the NPA's rival communist group, the Hukbong Magpapaya ng Bayan under the late Komander Binataz.

Lt Col Edgar Calvante, Bulacan Constabulary chief, said the 58 accused make up the core of the rebel movement in the province.

All were identified as NPA regulars by Edilberto Salvador, alias Ka Bong, and three youthful rebels who surrendered last month. Salvador was captured during a raid conducted by Marine soldiers last May 30 in Sitio Apugan, Barangay Lambakin in San Miguel town.

The three other NPA members who surrendered to Capt. Emilio Sarmiento, commander of the 17th PC Company were Ponciano Sembrano, alias Ka Edgar, Crisanto Sapato, alias Ka Jimmy, and Bonifacio Sembrano, alias Ka Sonny.

The charges against Rebania, Bautista, Bergullo and the 55 other NPA regulars were based on the statements made by Salvador and the three surrenderees, Calvante said.

Calvante also disclosed that a special PC-INP team has been assigned to counteract the activities of 37 communist partisans who had just completed their training with the rebels.

He said the rebel trainees have been assigned to sow terror in the province by assassinating policemen and soldiers and getting their firearms to augment the NPA arsenal.

Meanwhile, military intelligence sources this week disclosed that foreign supporters of the CPP plan to launch a sustained "anti-fascist campaign" on June 19.

Dance off drug abuse

'Dance-in-the-park-programme'

SHAKE it and swing it to shake off the drug habit. To Manila Vice-Mayor Danilo Lacuna, social dancing is one way of preventing and checking drug abuse.

And to provide Manilans with the venue for this



activity, the vice-mayor is launching the "Dance in the Park" programme on the Araw ng Maynila celebrations on June 24.

The programme invites all Manilans to a public dancing at the Quirino grandstand and other plazas in Manila.

Lacuna, chairman of Manila's drug abuse control and prevention programme, said public dancing will "encourage the public to be involved in some social and community activities instead of indulging in prohibited drugs."

Lacuna said the public dancing will feature dance varieties such as cha-cha, tango, boogie and modern dance.

He said other variations and improvement to the project will be made as suggestions are provided by the public.

He said the programme is similar to the "barrio dancing" in other provinces which provide the youth some form of activity and interaction.

Lacuna said it hopes to encourage poor residents to take on healthy activities and stop turning to drugs to escape their plight. He said drugs only get them deeper into problems.

Flour: taxes cut

A HOUSE bill seeking a 30 percent tax cut on flour imports was rejected this week by millers claiming the measure will not ease domestic prices.

The Philippine Association of Flour Millers (PAFMIL) submitted its position paper to the House of Representatives rejecting the measure.

PAFMIL President Felix Maramba Jr said imported flour sold in Manila is "heavily subsidized" so that if tariff is reduced, "it will unjustly hurt the local flour industry and favour industrialized flour exporting countries."

Rep. Artemio Adaza proposed HB 1940 calling for the reduction of tariff on imported flour from 30 percent or P1.50 per kilogram to 20 percent or 75 centavos per kilogram to bring down price of pan de sal and other flour products.

From the provinces

MERALCO: Meralco said yesterday it expects to fully normalize today electric service in its franchise area, including Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

Restoration work started full blast immediately after storm "Bining" cut through the fringes of Metro Manila. A system of priorities was followed, giving precedence to those cases which posed danger to life and property.

Meralco said the storm affected 171 of its 488 sub-transmission and distribution lines or around 35 per cent of its total distribution circuits. However, as of noon yesterday, only about 10 per cent of the affected circuits had not been restored and mostly in the areas south of Metro Manila.

BAGUIO CITY: Chadya-as S. Ganjeas, 50, suspected "marianas" king, and Lourdes Cruz, alleged "shabu queen" here, were arrested by local AFP Narcotics Command (Narcom) the other day after six weeks of surveillance.

MANILA: Manila Bankers Life insurance company, celebrating its 22nd anniversary with simple rites and a thanksgiving mass at the TMBC Bldg., Ayala Avenue, Makati.

The company was organized in 1967 by then Sen Gil J. Puyat and his associates out of a merger of two life insurance firms, Bankers Life and Alpha Mutual. It began with a modest portfolio of P5 million in its first year. Today its total business in-force is P5 billion, while its total collection of premiums reached P14 million in 1988.

Manila Bankers Life diversified operations in 1982 to venture in real estate. It has managed to erect four major landmark projects: Vale Verde Mansions, Medical Towers Makati, Vale Verde Terraces and Brentwood Village Baguio (the latter two projects nearing final phase of completion).

MANILA: The Eastern Police District (EPD) filed charges of sedition against 48 suspected New People's Army (NPA) sympathizers who were arrested during a funeral march in Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, last Thursday.

Brig. Gen. Manuel Roxas, EPD superintendent, filed the charges upon the order of Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre, Constabulary-Capital Region Command (Capcom) and Metropolitan Police Force (MPF) director who also commended the policemen and Capcom operatives responsible for the completion.

Roxas said that the charges were filed before the fiscal's office in Mandaluyong.

"They were chanting revolutionary songs, wore red masks, waved red banners and placards symbolizing their membership to the derailed NPA," he pointed out.

The warning came after revenue examiners and mediaries missed by seconds a posse identified as A. Lucero who tried to con the owners of a firm in Caloocan City.

Lucero was identified by two fake BIR IDs which he left inside his attache case, along with other fake BIR documents, BIR special investigation team chief Alfredo Sercado said.

BIR agents found memorandums for several firms and letters of authority for Chiang Kai-Shek College, Polymer Products, and SGJ Travel and Consultancy Services.

Also recovered were fake booklets of certificate of inspection, BIR letter heads, blank examiner field inspector report, rubber stamp of signature of BIR, Manila director Felicidad Viray, BIR receipts and two IDs with forged signatures of BIR Commissioner Jose U. Ong.

Sercado said the BIR is offering a cash reward for any information leading to the arrest of Lucero. He said 40 other fake revenue examiners are believed to be victimizing businessmen and other taxpayers in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

LEGAZPI CITY: Regional Director Jose C. Regalado of the Department of Public Works and Highways stressed to participants in a 3-day seminar-workshop on preliminary engineering requirements for infrastructure projects their role in improving the performance of the DPWH in projects implementation.

Facilitated by the manpower development staff of the DPWH regional office led by senior manpower development officer Florencina Azorea, the workshop was attended by district and city engineers with their planning engineers, geotechnical engineers, civil or project engineers.

The training was designed to upgrade the capabilities of the train

CONSERVATION



Two baby elephants in search of their dead mother

Sad plight of motherless baby elephants

Orphans of an evil trade

By Robert M. Press

NAIROBI, Kenya: Each day, an unusual animal parade — three young African elephants, two rhinos, and a sheep — trots out behind rangers for a sojourn in Nairobi's National Park.

The pachyderms are all "orphans." Their parents were killed by poachers, for ivory and rhino horns.

The black-headed sheep, Boozie, is another matter.

She was purchased as a companion for a rhino orphan but now stays close to Dika, an eight-month-old elephant. According to rangers who found him in Kenya's Tsavo Game Park after poachers gunned down his mother and several members of the herd, Dika at first was lonely and showed little interest in living. Patient, round-the-clock care by the staff at an animal refuge here, as well as Boozie's attention, brought him around.

The parade is part of the efforts of this animal refuge to reacquaint its wards with the

wildlife they have been separated from.

Later this month, the elephants will be taken to Tsavo, where Eleanor, a 30-year-old elephant is expected to "adopt" them and raise them to maturity, as she has other orphan elephants. Because of Eleanor's key role in this process, she is normally guarded

by keepers as she wanders the Game Park. Occasionally, however, she takes off on her own to join one of the wild herds — a dangerous time because of possible attack from poachers.

"Mothers will often adopt a baby," says Jill Woodley, whose mother, Daphne Sheldrick runs the refuge. "But it all depends

on stress, and how much they are running for their lives."

"If they're being gunned down in entire herds," she says, referring to widespread illegal poaching, "of course there's not much chance of a mother taking on another baby."

Poachers continue to shoot large numbers of elephants in Africa to satisfy primarily Japanese and Western tastes for ivory carvings and jewellery. Rhinos, too, are often victims. Their horns end up as dagger handles in some nations. And the pulverized version is sold in Asian markets for alleged medicinal properties.

Dika and the two elephants are the first orphaned African elephants ever raised successfully from infancy, says Mrs Sheldrick. (Her late husband, David, was the first warden in Tsavo Game Park, where the family lived for about 30 years. Mrs Sheldrick runs the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which is financed by donations, and supports a number of wildlife conservation activities including the orphan refuge.)



Slaughtered for ivory: an elephant killed by poachers

It took many years to come up with the right food formula and care pattern to nurture an infant elephant without its parents, Sheldrick says.

Experiments

After many experiments, a special milk formula using coconut oil, was found to be a substitute for the mother's milk. Even then, getting the baby elephants to drink it was not easy as they often refused to eat.

And having the right food in the right place is still only part of the answer.

"The other secret is that they must never — ever — be left alone, because the emotional trauma will tip the balance," Sheldrick says.

So the Kenyan keepers walk with the elephants, feed them, even sleep in their stalls.

Two keepers sleep in Dika's stall, on wooden beds, suspended from the ceiling. The elephants feed every three hours for 18 hours out of the day.

"The keepers are just like their mothers," says Miss Woodley. "That's the only reason they survive — because they have an emotional attachment to the keepers," she explains.

During their years in Tsavo, the Sheldricks have raised many animals, including eight rhinos and various species of antelope. "I was very privileged to be able to follow their lives for many years afterwards," says Sheldrick, standing in her backyard.

"They stayed in touch. They brought their youngsters back for you to see, also their friends. It was like a little paradise. And it's a bit like that here, too." Two antelope and 25 warthogs are also regular visitors to the refuge.

The threatened demise of Africa's elephants deeply trouble Woodley.

"The only thing everybody can do is not buy ivory," she says. "When one buys a piece of ivory, you have to consider that it's probably not just that elephant being killed, it's probably her baby. They have a close knit family. There's much grieving."

"At the moment, they're gunned down 20 at a time ... automatic weapons. It's not going to take long to finish them all off."

1989, The Christian Science Monitor.

NEW YORK, (AP): After years of efforts to stop poachers from wiping out the African elephant, conservationists have suddenly reaped bumper crop of successes: a string of national bans on ivory imports.

"It's been a real snowball effect," Jorgen Thomsen, senior programme officer for elephant conservation at the World Wildlife Fund, said Friday.

Since June 4, the United States, Japan, the 12-nation European Economic Community, Switzerland and Canada have imposed bans on the ivory imports that make poaching profitable. The EEC, Japan and the United States consume up to 75 per cent of the ivory on world markets.

In addition, Hong Kong, the major world ivory dealer and carver, has announced a moratorium on raw ivory imports. Ivory is used for the signature stamp popular in many Asian nations, and for jewellery, piano keys and carvings.

The 102-nation convention on international trade in endangered species will consider a worldwide ban at a Geneva meeting in October.

The conservationists' sudden success follows a June 1 appeal by the World Wildlife Fund and Wildlife Conservation International. The two groups said poachers were wiping out elephant populations in Africa faster than originally thought, and that they could be extinct within 15 years.

Conservationists also feared that prospects of a worldwide ban in October could lead poachers to a frenzy of elephant killing unless interim measures were imposed.

France announced its ban June 4, and the United States followed a day later. Penalties vary for violations in the United States; the maximum penalty is a year in jail and a \$100,000 fine.

"We do this out of mounting concern for the rapid decline of the wild elephant, one of nature's most majestic creatures," US President George Bush said at the time. "If their populations continue to diminish at current rates, the wild elephant will soon be lost from this earth."

Japan and Hong Kong were considered particularly critical to any effective reduction in ivory demand. Japan is the largest importer and consumer of ivory, accounting for 40 per cent of the world market. Hong Kong is heavily involved in making ivory carvings for re-export.

"The real victory is Japan," Thomsen said. "Hong Kong's action was very much to save face" because its two biggest customers — Japan and the US — had banned imports.

"This proves that we have taken more responsibility as a consumer country," Thomsen said. "We may have prevented a catastrophe. Credit should also be placed with the African countries, who previously had opposed a ban but now realize the crisis situation."

Several African countries recently have made an about-face and taken the initiative to protect rapidly dwindling elephant populations. Kenya last month followed the lead of neighbouring Tanzania and Somalia in calling for a worldwide ivory import ban.

Conservationists estimate African elephant populations have dropped by half to two-thirds in the past decade, from 1.5 million in 1978 to between

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Top importers curb trade

Ivory ban boost

By Paul Alexander



An ivory shaving brush will set you back about £300

For the poor elephant: his life

400,000 and 700,000 today. Ivory exports have increased from 300 tons a year in the 1950s to more than 800 tons annually this decade, they say.

An aerial survey last year found an estimated 20,000 elephants in Kenya, which 15 years ago had 121,000. The number of elephants in Tanzania has fallen to 80,000 from 300,000 in 1979, according to government officials.

Conservationists say most other elephant populations in Africa are suffering similar fates, except in Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa. Zimbabwe has annual elephant kills and a thriving legal trade in elephant products. In the last 12 months it has earned about 600,000 dollars in legal ivory sales.

Poachers have killed most of the big male elephants in some countries and are switching in some cases to young beasts, according to a conservationists' report this month based on material from more than 25 biologists, conservationists, economists and trade specialists.

Killed

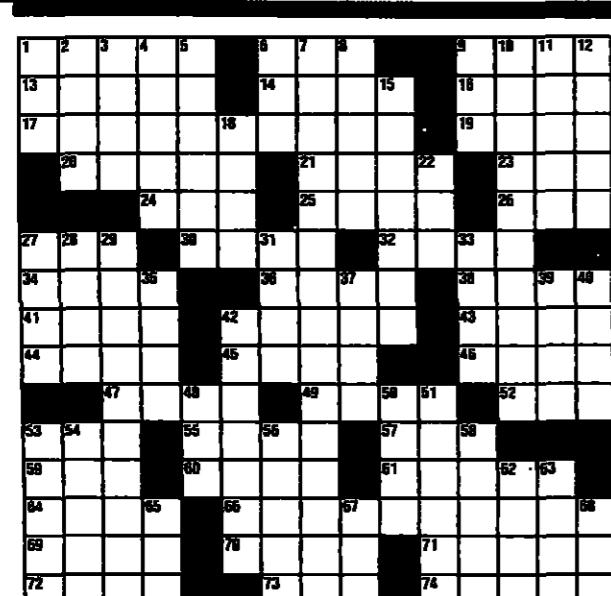
As a result, three times as many elephants must be killed to provide the same amount of ivory as 10 years ago, the report said. Most ivory is added late in life among males.

"The annual ivory haul must be reduced to at least a tenth of its present volume to enable populations to recover," the report said. "The recovery of herds and family structure will take 20 years or more if all poaching were stopped."

Japan, Hong Kong and other countries with thriving ivory markets or industries could be hit hard if levels are reduced that low.

Tamotsu Ishibashi, chairman of Tokyo ivory and craft cooperative association, said the current ban would hurt Japan's traditional ivory-carving industry. Some 25,000 ivory craftsmen in about 80 workshops produce 13.8 million dollars worth of ivory products every year.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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6 Playing marble
9 Use a mop
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14 Wild ox
15 Novice
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19 New Haven scholars
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

A MATTER OF COUNTING

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH

♦ A Q 7 4

♥ K J 10 8 2

♦ 6 3

♣ Q J

WEST

♦ 10 2

♥ 9 6 3

♦ AK 5 2

♣ A 8 7 4

EAST

♦ K

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 10 8 7

♣ 10 9 6 5 2

SOUTH

♦ J 9 8 6 5 3

♥ A Q

♦ Q 9 4

♣ K 3

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠

Pass 2 ♡ Pass 4 ♡

Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

We wrote a book some years ago entitled "Go With The Odds." But to do so when that course is an exercise in futility is sheer stubbornness on your part.

The auction was quite simple. With the equivalent of an opening bid facing an opener, South bounced right into game as soon as a fit had been located.

Incidentally, if West doesn't cash the ace of clubs, declarer should play on clubs before he touches spades. When he discovers West has the ace of clubs, he can't go wrong in trumps.

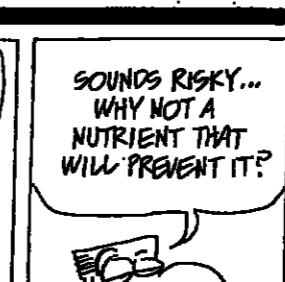
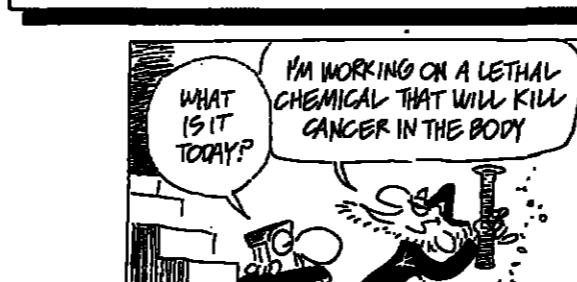
What made South abandon the probabilities? Had he seen the king of spades in the East hand?

To all intents and purposes, yes! West, who was a passed hand, had already shown up with 11 points in the minors. Had he held the king of spades as well, he would certainly have opened the bidding. Therefore, East was marked with the king.

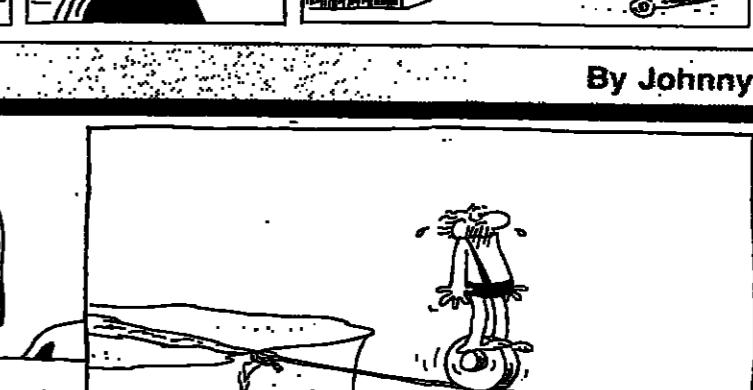
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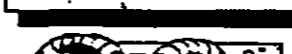


By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart

YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be too inclined to believe that all is as you would like it to be. A good opportunity should not be missed. Make sure you do nothing that would injure your health. Be circumspect.

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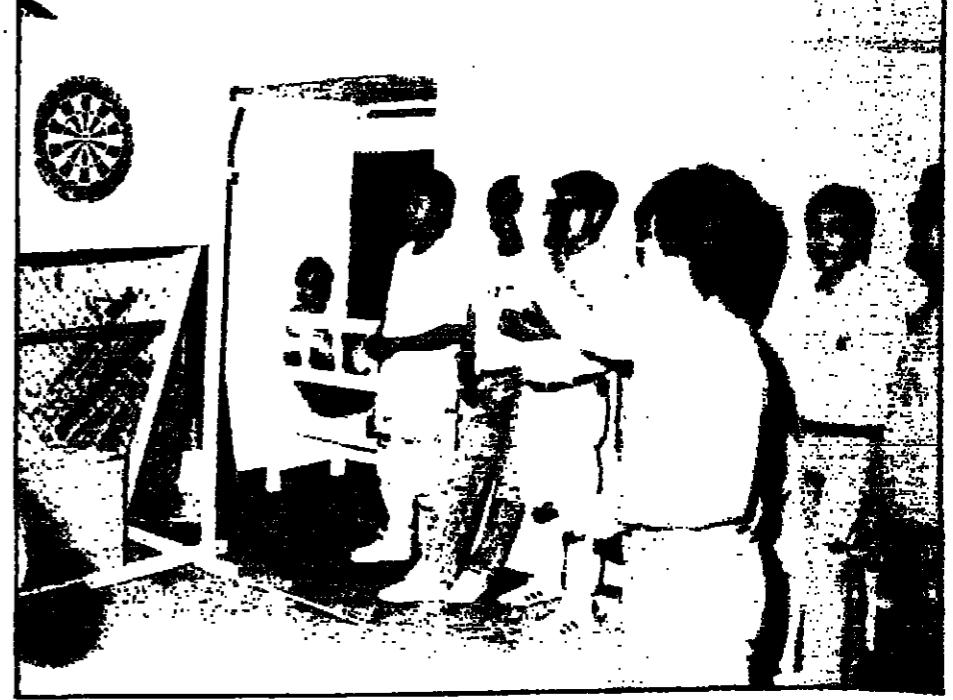
SPORTS



An Al Rashed player scores a basket.



Chess players plan their moves.



A darts player takes aim. (Photos by Amr Jadeed)

Al Rashed tame Hatid-Ligaya to open gap at top

Magnolia crush Pizza Italia to retain solo lead in Group B

By Gil Bangalan

AL RASHED SUPER-MARKET routed Hatid Ligaya in the opening game of the Palarong Pilipino basketball tournament on Friday, at the Khefian Gym, 92-67.

The Al Rashed quintet led all the way from the starting to the final buzzer as they scored unopposed from all angles. All players of Al Rashed contributed a basket, with Sacueza top scoring with 21 points, followed by Velasco - 12 points, Pasquin - 11 points, Hoffer and Pangan 10 points each. With their win Al Rashed takes the undisputed top position in Group A with a 3-win-0-loss record.

Also, in Group A, dark horse Kay & Associates outpointed the Refrigeration Industry Co., 69-63. Missing the services of their keyman Marin, Kay & Associates' Velayo and Amante bore the burden of bringing their team to victory. Velayo scored 24 points while Amante contributed 14 points.

On the Ricsco side Apologista scored 21 points, while Dayao contributed 20 points, before fouling out in the last 3 minutes of the game. Kay & Associates now share the second top slot with Dollarco Exchange and Hatid Ligaya, each having a 2-win-1-loss slate.

Magnolia Ice Cream crushed Pizza Italia, 84-64 and retain solo lead in Group B. The taller Magnolia quintet dominated both board and basket. Pizza Italia's 3-points ace Pantuglo managed to sink in 6 consecutive 3-pointers early in the game, before Magnolia's Menez shackled him and stopped Pizza's scoring machine.

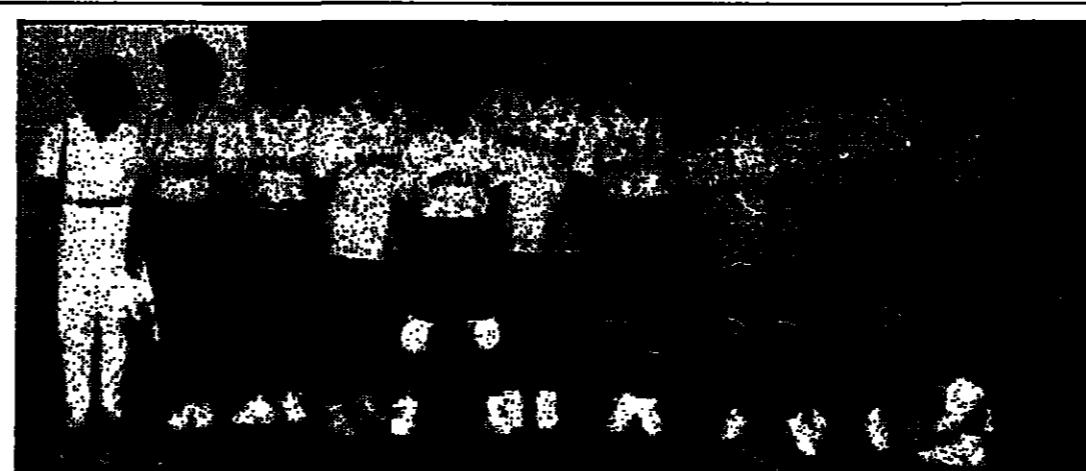
Five Magnolia players scored in double figures; Zalavaria 20 points, Reyes 13 points, Calacyay 12 points, Gonzaga and Vargas 10 points each. On the Pizza Italia side Pantuglo converted 20 points, while Alojado contributed 18 points.

Soft Rock Cafe defeated Nissan Al Babtain 91-83 for their first win in the tournament. Soft Rock's win came from Atienza's consistency in the basket, scoring a game high of 32 points. Boado and Ticzon contributed 24 points each. Nissan failed to fully utilise Juan's scoring prowess and banked on Delera's power play instead. Nissan's defeat place them at the cellar of Group B.

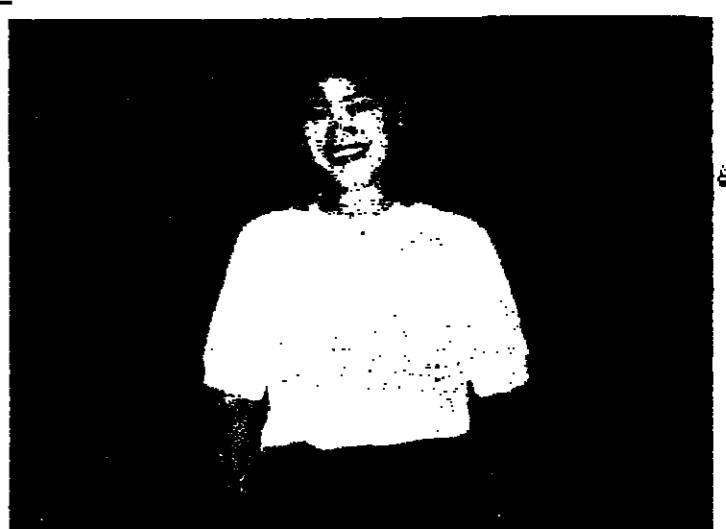
Kuwait Danish Dairy coasted to an easy win over Kuwait Aluminum Extrusion Co. 110-60, for their first victory after two outings, and giving them a chance for the top two slots in Group C. Top scorers for KDD were Ochoa 36 points, Lising 17 points, Velasco, Pizarro, and Rocillo 14 points apiece.

In Group D, Kuwait Hotels Co. sneaked past Kuwait Regency Palace, 76-74, for their first win in three outings, dampening the Regent's chances for the top two slots in their Group.

In next Friday's scheduled games, ASCO and Los Compadres will test their mettle



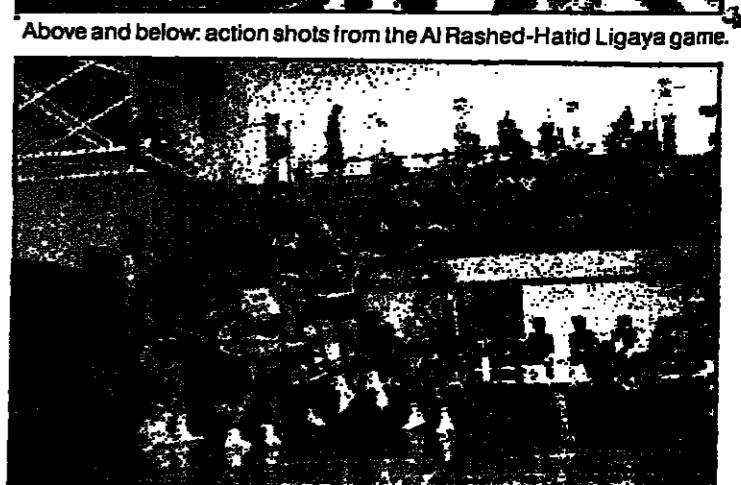
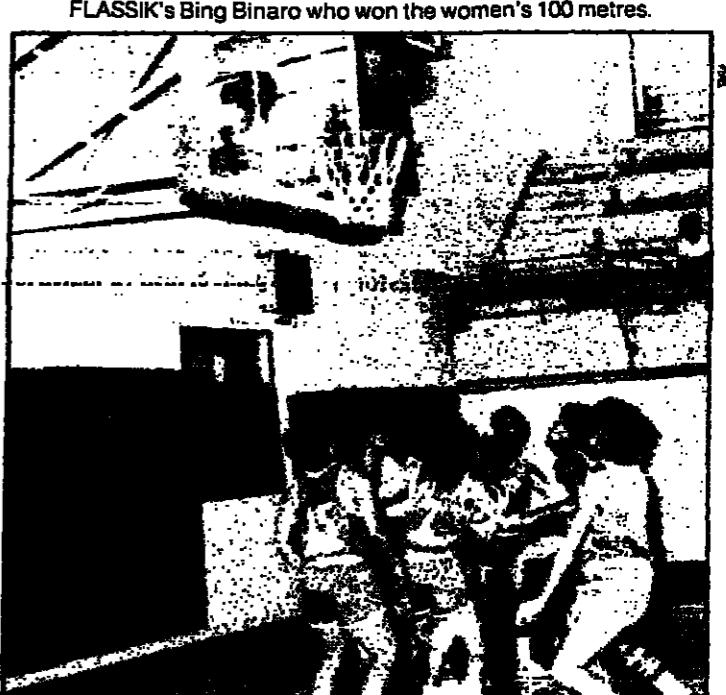
The Durran Exchange women's volleyball team who beat FCC Shell on Friday. Noreen Samson, of Adan Hospital, is the team captain.



FLASSIK's Bing Binaro who won the women's 100 metres.



Winners Al Rashed women's volleyball team are all smiles after beating Hatid-Ligaya ladies.



A chess player writes his move while others concentrate on their game.



Two of the organisers at the Khefian Gym.



The Hatid-Ligaya-Abughosh squad.



One of the competitors concentrates on his aim as others look on.

against Pampanga and SAS Hotel, respectively, while Dollarco Exchange will go up against Hatid Ligaya. The results of these games are crucial for the teams. Whichever team wins will have the better chance for the top two slots in their respective groups.

The ladies basketball, will also resume on Friday, with Hatid Ligaya-Abughosh and Al Rashed Freight expected to fight it off for supremacy in the ladies division.

Both teams share the lead, having won their respective first assign-

ments. Hatid-Ligaya is known for their defensive plays, but Al Rashed will be banking on their more effective offensive game.

Schedule of games — Friday,

June 30, 1989

8:00 C Pampanga, vs ASCO;

9:30 D Los Compadres, vs SAS

Hotel; 11:00 B KPCB, vs Soft

Rock Cafe; 12:30 A Dollarco

Exchange, vs Hatid Ligaya-

Abughosh; 2:00 B Pizza Italia, vs

Nissan Al Babtain; 3:30 L Al

Rashed Freight, vs Hatid

Ligaya-Abughosh; 5:30 VL

Durran Exchange, vs Greek

House.

Ladies volleyball: Durran

Exchange crush FCC Shell.

The Durran Exchange spikers

crushed FCC Shell, taking only

59 minutes to subdue an

apparently tense FCC Shell.

Durran Exchange which has

held the volleyball title for the

past 7 years did not give a chance

to the FCC Shell as they shut off

the latter in the first three sets,

15-2, 15-3, and 15-11.

Durran Exchange remain the

undisputed leaders in the five-

team tourney. In the second

game, Al Rashed also blanked the Hatid-Ligaya ladies, 15-11, 15-9, and 15-4 after only 44 minutes of play.

Next Friday, Durran will meet the Greek House, and is expected to coast once more to victory. The game to watch, however, is the Durran-Al Rashed game. If Al Rashed win, then a possible triple-tie situation will be forced on Durran, FCC Shell and Al Rashed.

In such an event, the formula

Rati X will be applied, wherein

all the sets won and sets lost by

the teams shall be computed to determine their final standings.

In the championship round the first and second placers shall play a best-of-three series for the title, while the third and fourth placers shall also play a best-of-three for the second and third runner-up positions.

Team standings GP WL

Durrani Exch. 2 2 0

FCC Shell 3 2 1

Al Rashed Fr. 3 2 1

Greek House 1 0 1

Hatid Ligaya 3 0 3

Results

Athletics
100 metres (men)
1. Rolly Razon (Al Rasheed Supermarket)
2. Eduardo Bolata (Mabuhay Restaurant)
3. Romeo Ramirez (KDD).
100 metres (women)
1. Bing Binaro (Flassik)
2. Claire Guison (KDD)
3. Jenny Brosota (SPOK).
200 metres (men)
1. Eduardo Bolata (Mabuhay Restaurant)
2. Romeo Ramirez (KDD)
3. Andres Sambat (Mabuhay Restaurant)
4x100 metres relay (men)
1. Mabuhay Restaurant II (Andres Sambat, John Duqui, Harriet Bolante and Eduardo Bolata)
2. Mabuhay Restaurant I (Gen-

man Miguel, Rodrigo Torejo, Fernando Reyes and Francisco Delos Reyes)
3. Sony (Armando Santos, Wilfredo Nolasco, Melchor Espisosa and Rene Amulato)
4x400 metres relay
1. Mabuhay Restaurant I
2. Sony
3. Mabuhay Restaurant II.
The athletes on the 4x400 relay squads were the same as those on the 4x100 relay teams.
The Track & Field/Fun Games Committee comprised of the following: Chairman: Edward Balanag Co-Chairman: Lorna Adil Tess San Diego Members: Sol Renedo Sonny Samonte Rey Valino Senen Villavicencio Jet Tan

Chess
Kalexco beat Kirby 3-1 in the fourth round of the Palarong Pilipino Team Chess Tournament to narrow the gap at the top of the standings. Kabayan (2), who lost 1-3 to Chiquita, remained on the top despite their defeat.
Another team hot on Kabayan's (2) heels is Kabayan (1) who defeated RIC-3-1. In another game Hatid Ligaya - Abughosh thrashed Alghanim 3-1. The SAS Hotel team drew a bye this week.
In individual action, Dumla shocked top seed Cortado with a victory in 50 moves while Mostrales continued his unbeaten run with a win over Betguen in the same number of moves.
In another match, Policarpio escaped with a lucky draw against

De Los Reyes. Both the players also continued their unbeaten run in the Swiss system chess tournament.
Individual results
Dumla beat Cortado in 50 moves
Mostrales beat Betguen in 50 moves
Policarpio drew with De Los Reyes
Matutino beat Canlas in 44 moves
Minearl drew with Amansac
Iral beat Dampil in 43 moves
Moje drew with Montemayer
Martinez drew with Alamada
Boapi beat Bias in 41 moves
Pates beat Espeno in 50 moves
Velasco beat Bautista in 38 moves
Mercado beat Pagudan by default.
Team standings
Kabayan (2) 11 pts
Kalexco 9.5
Kabayan (1) 9
SAS Hotel 8.5
Chiquita 8

Kirby 6.5
RIC 4.5
Hatid Ligaya 4
Alghanim 3

Table tennis

Champions — Alghanim Freight (Jojo Rafael, Jan Barrios and Victor Pacioles (R)).

Runners-up — Los Compadres

(Dante Almuedas, Gilbert Santiago and Vicente Joaquin (R)).

Singles - semifinals — winners

Jojo Rafael (Alghanim Freight)

Dante Almuedas (Los Compadres)

Jan Barrios (Alghanim Freight)

Note: Three players qualify for

the finals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions.

Schedule of matches will be published soon. For details contact Table Tennis Chairman Ben F. Banawa, Tel 2455333 ext 2001 &

2029.

Darts
Mabuhay beat SAS Hotel 4-3.

lost to EEL 2-5.

Darts officials:

Chairperson — Chary

Vice-Chairman — Jun Mercado

Officer — Emil Fernando

Dama

The Dama games will resume at the Kefian Gym on June 30 at 1:00 pm. All the dama players — Alghanim Airfreight, Hatid Ligaya, Kirby and Ricsco — should contact Willy Basig, Tel 4842988, for further information and details of Friday's games.

Sikaran-Karate

The Sikaran-Karate tournament,

which is an exhibition games in the

Palarong Pilipino this year, will start

in the first week of July at the Kefian

Gym. All participants should register with Olie Olor, the chairman or to Jojo Medrano, vice chairman of the event. For particulars, please contact VP Sarah Macarimbang on telephone number 4843447.

The competition will be KATA Contest and will be participated by green, brown and black belts.

Bowling
Group A
Far East Restaurant 3 Al Rashed 1.
Far East emerge as champions.

Group B
Trico 1 Alghanim 3, Kabayan 4
Alghanim, 3rd Trico and 4th Abughosh.

Group B (finals will be on Friday).

SPORTS

Montreal outclass Chicago

(NEW YORK, June 24, (AP): Dave Martinez got his wish yesterday, hitting two home runs that led the Montreal Expos over Chicago 5-1 and ended the Cubs' five-game winning streak.

Martinez, traded from Chicago to Montreal last July for Mitch Webster, enjoyed his second two-homer game. The other came last Sept 17 against New York.

"It was quite a thrill, but today I think it was better because it was against my ex-teammates," Martinez said.

Martinez led off the game against Mike Bielecki, 6-3, with his second home run of the season, then started the fifth by hitting a 3-1 pitch over the right-field fence.

Mark Langston, 3-2 since coming from Seattle on May 25, allowed four hits and one run in seven innings as the Expos moved within 2 1/2 games of the first-place Cubs. Tim Burke pitched two hitless innings for his 15th save.

Reds 3, Dodgers 1
Rockie Lenny Harris scored one run and drove in another as the Cincinnati Reds beat Los Angeles. John Franco got his Major League-leading 19th save.

Mets 9, Phillies 3
Bob Ojeda beat Philadelphia for the second time this week and set hot Howard Johnson drove in two runs, leading the New York Mets past the Phillies and former teammate Len Dykstra.

Cardinals 3, Pirates 2
Vince Coleman stole three bases and tied a Major League record with his 38th consecutive steal as the St Louis Cardinals beat Pittsburgh for the Pirates' fourth straight loss. Joe Magrane, 6-6, gave up one run on four hits in seven innings.

Astros 5, Braves 2
Ken Caminiti singled home the tie-breaking run in the ninth inning and Louie Meadows added a two-run single as the Houston Astros ended a three-game losing streak with a victory over the Atlanta Braves. Danny Darwin, 6-2, was the winner.

Brewers 17, White Sox 5
White Sox 6, Brewers 4
Dan Pasqua hit two home runs and Melido Perez struck out a career-high 12 in 7 1/3 innings for his first victory since May 27 in the nightcap. In the second game, Ivan Calderon hit a two-run homer off Bryan Clutterbuck and Pasqua hit a two-run shot in the second and a solo homer in the fourth.

Results
National League

St Louis	9	Pittsburgh	2
N Y Mets	9	Philadelphia	3
Houston	5	Atlanta	2
Cincinnati	3	Los Angeles	1
Montreal	5	Chicago	1
San Francisco	8	San Diego	7
American League	10	Boston	0
Minnesota	10	Seattle	0
Kansas City	3	Toronto	0
Texas	4	Cleveland	0
(1st) Milwaukee	17	Chicago	5
(2nd) Chicago	6	Milwaukee	4
Detroit	5	Seattle	4
California	5	Baltimore	4
Toronto	10	Oakland	8

Jones moves ahead

OAKVILLE, Ontario, June 24, (Reuters): Steve Jones birdied the last three holes yesterday to take a one stroke lead over Jim Gallagher midway through the Canadian Open golf championship.

Jones turned in an eight-under-par 64 for a 13-under-par 131 total and grabbed sole possession of the lead.

Gallagher, who led after the first 18 holes with a 64, was one stroke off the pace after a four-under-68 for a 12-under 132 total.

United States Open champion Curtis Strange, a two-time winner of the Canadian Open, leaped into contention with a 66 yesterday and was alone in third place at 10-under 134.

"I hit the ball all around the hole all day," said Strange, who had six birdies and no bogeys. "I hit the ball really good."

Rocco Mediate, Clark Burroughs and Nick Price of Zimbabwe, were tied for fourth place at nine-under-par 135. Veteran Lee Trevino continued his strong play and stood at eight-under-par 136 with Ian Baker-Finch of Australia, Bill Sander, Mark Calcavecchia and Larry Silvera.

Lyle shares 2nd round lead

DUBLIN, June 24, (Reuters): Welshman Ian Woosnam fought off jet lag to snatch a share of the second-round lead in the Irish Open yesterday with rejuvenated Scotsman Sandy Lyle and local favourite Philip Walton.

Woosnam, runner-up last Sunday in the US Open and defending his Irish Open title, shot a five-under-par 67 to put himself firmly in contention.

He shares the second round lead on seven-under-par 137 with Lyle (73) and Walton (69).

"I am playing steady enough but have not really thought about winning, just trying to get in a position to win," Woosnam said after his solid performance on the windswept portmarnock links on the shores of the Irish Sea.

"I still feel a little tired after returning from the US but I am OK."

Lyle, shaking off a three-month-long nightmare of poor form, broke the course record on Thursday

Burrell and Sowell head classy field for Lausanne GP

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 24, (Reuters): Leroy Burrell and Dawn Sowell, the latest in the illustrious line of great American sprinters, head a classy field assembled for the Lausanne Grand Prix athletics meeting on Tuesday.

Only three men have clocked faster than Burrell's 9.94 seconds for the 100 metres at the US Championship this

month while Sorrell's altitude-assisted 10.78 has been bettered by only two women.

At a news conference on Thursday the organisers said a record budget on nearly 1.2 million Swiss francs (\$800,000) had assured the presence of 14 Olympic and 13 world champions.

They include Olympic and world 100

metres and long jump champion Carl Lewis, who takes part in only the latter event and his training partner Joe DeLoach, the Olympic 200 metres champion.

DeLoach will race against fellow-American Butch Reynolds, the world 400 metres record holder, who steps down a distance.

The powerful Kenyan middle and long distance racing contingent is out in force with Olympic 800 metres champion Abdi Bile over two laps.

Another Kenyan, Yobes Ondieki, who handed Morocco's world champion and record holder Said Aouita his first defeat over 3,000 metres in 10 years this week, runs into the 10,000.

Jackson breaks 13-second barrier

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 24, (AP): Britain's Colin Jackson became the third man ever to break 13 seconds in the 110-metre hurdles and defeated nemesis Roger Kingdom of the United States for the first time outdoors at a Four-Nation Track and Field Meet opened last night.

The United States and Britain each won six of the 15 events on the first day of the two-day meet, with West Germans triumphing in two events and the Soviet Union winning only the women's javelin.

Among the winners were David Patrick of the United States in the men's 400-metre hurdles, American Esther Jones in the women's 100 metres, Tim Simon of the United States in the men's 400 metres and Linford Christie of Britain in the men's 100 metres.

Joette Clark of the United States won the women's 800 metres, American Mike Powell was first in the men's long jump, Tim Hacker of the United States edged two Britons to win the men's 3,000 metre and Britain's women won a 400-metre relay.

The US men had 107 points after last night's events, while Britain had 96, West Germany scored 65 and the Soviet Union had 64.

The American women also led with 63 points, compared to 49 for the Soviet Union, 45 for Britain and 43 for West Germany.

Jackson, who had never beaten two-time Olympic champion Kingdon in five previous outdoor meetings, exploded out of the starting blocks and built a huge lead over Kingdom midway through the race.

Kingdom stumbled and fell at the last hurdle, leaving American Jack Pierce in second place.

Jackson's wind-aided time of 12.99 seconds was the fifth ever run under 13 seconds. Renaldo Nehemiah of the United States has done it twice, including the world record of 12.93, and Kingdon also has accomplished it twice, with a best of 12.97.

"We are getting close to the world record," Jackson said. "I feel we can now reach out and touch the world record."

Kingdom, who said he was not able to respond to Jackson's quick start because he arrived late in Birmingham and was not adequately prepared for the race, agreed it is only a matter of time until someone runs under 12.93.

"I think this is the year Nehemiah's world record will go. And it will go soon," Kingdon said. "It will go in a race when all the guys who are running in the low 13s run together."

Kingdom and Jackson are scheduled to race again Tuesday in a Grand Prix meet in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Patrick, who won his fourth US National Championship a week ago in Houston, won the 400-metre hurdles in 49.28 seconds in the opening track event of the quadrangular meet.

The American was in fifth place halfway through the race, but sped past the rest of the field to win by more than a second. Edgar ITT of West Germany was second in 50.43, while Briton Max Robertson was third in 50.61.

"There was a head wind down the back straight and I didn't want to take it out too hard and then be fatigued on the way in," Patrick said.

Lewis & Co. fail in record bid

Cheruiyot twins show their class



Lewis (right) waves to the crowd after the race. (Reuter wirephoto)

the sport's governing body in the United States, because an official US team would have been com-

because they boycotted the national championships in a protest over the way TAC is promoting the sport and over what they call inadequate dope testing.

Despite their failure to beat the team who clocked one minute 30.33 seconds, 0.07 seconds outside the existing record set 11 years ago by a quartet from the University of South California.

The six-times Olympic gold medallist lacked the pace he needed in his first race of the year.

"Seeing it was the first race over here and I just wanted to run the fastest time we could, maybe I was a little too fast out," he said. "But we gave it our best and we couldn't have gone closer."

Joe DeLoach, who beat Lewis to win the Olympic 200 metres title in Seoul last year, Leroy Burrell and Floyd Heard were the other members of the team competing at the St Denis Athletes Meeting.

The four had planned an attack on the record in Birmingham, England but were barred by the Athletics Congress (TAC),

5,000 metres. But the Kenyan recaptured the lead with a great burst up the home straight to win in thirteen minutes 25.45 seconds.

Jamaican sprinter Merlene Ottey scored a double on her own, winning both the women's 100 and 200 metres races in convincing style in times of 11.10 and 22.24 seconds respectively.

The highlight of the rest of the meeting was a superb double-act by Kenya's Cheruiyot twins who won the men's 1,500 and 5,000 metres.

Kip Cheruiyot had a tremendous tussle with compatriot Yobes Ondieki before taking the 1,500 metres in an excellent time of three minutes 34.44.

Ondieki, who scored a runaway win over Said Aouita of Morocco in a 5,000 metres race in Seville this week, led until the final bend but had to settle for second place, just 0.14 seconds behind.

Charles Cheruiyot looked a beaten man when Thierry Pantel of France moved past him at the bell and opened up a five-metre lead up the back straight in the

In the last event of the evening, Cuba's Javier Sotomayor won the high jump at 2.38 metres but failed in three attempts to set a new world record of 2.44 metres.

Ana Quirot of Cuba won the women's 800 in 2:00.00.

France suffer third defeat of rugby tour

WELLINGTON, June 24, (Reuters): France went down to the third defeat of their New Zealand rugby tour today when a fired-up Wellington side beat them 24-23.

France went into half time leading 13-10 after a see-saw start. Wellington then pulled ahead strongly only for France to stage a late comeback, narrowing the gap to a single point with three minutes to go. But the New Zealanders held on until the whistle.

Both France and Wellington, who tied up with two All Blacks, scored four tries.

Full back Philippe Berot scored from only three out of six attempts while Jean-Marc Lescure missed two long-range penalty shots. Wellington generally outplayed France with some superb back play, especially in the midfield where All Black John Schuster played a superb game.

In the first half Schuster ran 60 metres to play a major role in Wellington's first try scored by winger Nigel Geany.

He two putted from 30 feet on the par-five 16th, made a putt of 20 feet at the 17th and birdied the 18th after chipping to within three feet.

Lyle, looking for his third title of the year after winning the season's first two tournaments, has had eight birdies in each round but saved three of his best for the end:

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For Philip Walton, it was a case of drinking, then driving.

Walton, who as a boy used to jump over the fence for a quick game at Portmarnock before the secretary kicked him out, took last week off, did not hit a ball and "had a good few beers."

Walton, who was sixth in the Irish Open last year, said of his 69: "It is not really a good score. Had I putted well, it would have been a 66."

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Swiss riders

ZURICH, Switzerland, June 24. (AP) Veteran allrounder Beat Breu won the 1989 tour of Switzerland and Urs Freuler captured the last leg as Swiss riders dominated an uneventful windup of the 10-day, 1,829-kilometer (1,136-mile) road cycling race.

Erikson wins

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, June 24. (AP) American Tom Erikson pinned his Venezuelan, Peruvian and Czech opponents in the 266-pound (120.7-kilogramme) division yesterday to advance in the US International Freestyle Wrestling Championships.

Field hockey

CANBERRA, Australia, June 24. (AP) Centre-forward Kim Small scored a hat-trick yesterday as Olympic gold medalist Australia stormed to a 7-3 victory over arch-rival New Zealand in a women's field hockey international.

LPGA golf

WILMINGTON, Delaware, June 24. (Reuter) Betsy King recovered from a shaky start with an eight-birdie round to take a one stroke lead at the \$50,000 LPGA women's golf tournament yesterday. King shot a six-under-par 65 for an eight-under 134 total and was one stroke ahead of Pat Bradley and Shirley Furlong after 36 holes.

Napoli fined

SERIE, June 24. (Reuter) UEFA Cup winners Napoli of Italy were fined 100,000 Swiss francs (\$59,000) yesterday for crowd trouble during the first leg of the final last month.

France triumph

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, June 24. (Reuter) Results at the men's European Basketball Championship yesterday: 5th-8th place playoffs — France beat Netherlands 107-100 (halftime 53-41, regular time 91-91).

Scottish player

LONDON, June 24. (UPI) FIFA have told Scottish international Martin Johnstone that he must resign his former club Celtic. Johnstone's \$4 million transfer back to Parkhead from French club Nantes hit a tax snag a few weeks ago and the 26-year-old former Watford striker then stated he had changed his mind about the move.

English golfer

DUBLIN, June 24. (Reuter) English amateur international golfer David Williams missed the birth of his daughter Amy in 1986 because he was playing in the Ivory Coast Open. But he will catch the birth of his second child thanks to the organizers of the Irish Open who gave him special dispensation for an early round today.

Michael Chang

LONDON, June 24. (Reuter) Michael Chang, 17-year-old winner of the French Open two weeks ago, has been rewarded with a centre court match when Wimbledon starts on Monday.

Soviet star

NEW YORK, June 24. (AP) He hasn't fired his first shot in the National Basketball Association, but Soviet basketball star Alexander Volkov is already proving to be a dissident. Volkov announced yesterday he was given permission to join the NBA, then touched off a controversy about which team he would play for. While the League contends Volkov is obligated to play for the Atlanta Hawks, the 25-year-old forward said he would be "free" to join any team."

Royal Ascot

ASCOT, England, June 24. (Reuter) Pat Eddery's attempt to make Royal Ascot horse racing history was foiled in the final race of the four-day meeting yesterday when he was beaten into third place on the hot favourite Zero Watt.

Title fight

DENVER, June 24. (AP) Ramon Meléndez defended his United States Boxing Association junior bantamweight title last night with a 12-round unanimous decision over Italy's Luigi Camputaro.

Becker wins

HOYLAKE, England, June 24. (Reuter) Results of finals of the Wirral international men's grass court tennis tournament today: (Prefix number denotes seeding): 1. Boris Becker (West Germany) beat Peter Lundgren (Sweden) 7-5, 6-4.

Curren routs Wilander for crown

WENTWORTH, England, June 24. (Reuter) Kevin Curren gave his Wimbledon hopes a timely boost today by thrashing Mats Wilander 6-2, 6-4 in the Wentworth Tennis Classic final.

"That was just what I needed," said the South Africa-born international after beating the Wimbledon fourth seed in only 64 minutes. "I've run [van] Lendl close here and now beaten Mats. I'd love another shot at Lendl and I think it would be very interesting."

Curren needed six match points to put the Swede

out of his misery. He was more aggressive and enterprising throughout and broke Wilander's serve in the first and seventh games of the opening set.

The second was not quite so simple though Wilander failed to make a fight of it until he found himself trailing 5-1.

Wilander said: "Once Kevin is playing that well it's difficult to get into any rhythm."

Curren is best remembered for reaching the Wimbledon final four years ago when he lost to Boris Becker.

After Australia resumed at 276 for six, 10 offides of England's first innings total, Waugh shared in half-century stands with Merv Hughes and Trevor Hohns before completing England's humiliation with a ninth wicket partnership of 130 with Lawson.

Lawson, in fact, outscored Waugh as the England pace bowling was pulverised to all parts of the field. His half-century took only 55 balls and included nine boundaries and when he was finally caught from a lofted shot to mid-on he had made 74, his highest Test score.

Neil Foster picked up the first wicket of the day when he had Hughes caught by Graham Gooch at slip for 30, but that was the only success in a long, hot day for the England pace trio.

Off-spinner John Emburey accounted for the other three wickets to fall and finished with four for 88.

The pacemen will want to for-

get their figures: Foster three for 129, Graham Dilley wo for 141 and Paul Jarvis one for 150.

Scoreboard
ENDLAND first innings 286 (J. Rus-

sell 64 not out, G. Gooch 60, D. Gower 57, M. Hughes four for 71). AUSTRALIA first innings (overnight 276 for six)
G. March & Russell b Dilley..... 3
M. Taylor lbw b Foster..... 62

Australia's David Boon plays a ball as England wicketkeeper Jack Russell waits to catch the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Real Madrid wrap up League title

MADRID, June 24. (Reuter) Real Madrid were crowned Spanish soccer League champions yesterday, wrapping up their fourth successive League title in festive mood with a 2-1 win at home to Valencia.

The result, celebrated noisily by fans setting off fireworks and blaring their car horns through the Madrid night, pulled Real seven points ahead of Barcelona. They are sure of ending the season at least five points clear of the Catalans, at home to Malaga this evening.

Real's last League fixture was brought forward to Friday as the area around the Bernabeu stadium is being sealed off this weekend ahead of a European Economic Community summit starting on Monday.

Midfielders Michel Gonzalez — fully recovered from a foot injury — and Bernd Schuster were the stars of a good-humoured match Real controlled with relaxed ease.

Michel tapped home a trickily angled shot in the seventh minute and went to set up a

series of goal chances his colleagues failed to seize. Schuster manoeuvred superbly in front of the goal to find a gap in the 44th minute.

Third-placed Valencia, now certain of a place in the UEFA Cup, snatched a consolation goal in the 66th minute when Eloy Olaya slammed the ball past a fumbling Francisco Buyo. Eloy almost equalised when he found himself in the same situation two minutes from the whistle.

Navratilova clinches title

Reggi puts up tough fight



Navratilova makes a serve during her match. (Reuter wirephoto)

EASTBOURNE, England, June 24. (Reuter) Martina Navratilova won her eighth Eastbourne women's grass court tennis title today, but found Italy's Raffaella Reggi a tougher opponent than expected in the final.

The eight-times Wimbledon champion, who dismissed Reggi for the loss of just two games in the third round here last year, won 7-6, 6-2 in 71 minutes after the tempestuous 14th seed had battled back from 5-1 down in the first set to force a tiebreak.

The Czechoslovak-born American, who regards winning at Eastbourne as a sign of good luck for Wimbledon, twice served for the opening set, at 5-1 and 5-3.

Both times Reggi, a committed baseliner who prefers clay and hard courts, broke her to stay in the set.

Navratilova saved three breakpoints on the second occasion but then Reggi, ranked 28th in the world, hit a backhand service return winner on the fourth.

Navratilova, who beat Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union in last year's final at Eastbourne's Devonshire Park, held set point in the 12th game but hit a backhand mistake — one of a string of unforced errors — to allow Reggi back to deuce and the Italian held serve.

Navratilova said her preparation for Wimbledon — with 10 singles matches in as many days and training sessions with former Wimbledon champion Billie Jean King — had been the best ever.

"It is the longest and most thorough," she said. "There are no second thoughts, no ambivalence at all about what I should do."

On her second set point, at 6-1 up in the tiebreak, Navratilova, 32, hit a double fault but she won the next point when Reggi's service return went out.

Navratilova, who collected \$60,000 for her victory, outlasted Reggi at the net and broke her at the start of the second set and again — to love — to go 5-2 up.

Reggi, an entertaining and good-humoured player who won many hearts, finally succumbed when she was unable to return a service winner at 40-30 in the set.

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